

# COURSE OUTLINE

## GEOGRAPHY - A LEVEL



St Katherine's School



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Studying geography at A Level provides you with knowledge and understanding that is essential for any citizen of the planet in the 21st century. Through exciting topics you will understand the nature of physical and human geography whilst unpicking the debates surrounding contemporary global challenges. The course will equip you with the skills necessary for success in higher education and the world of work. Geography is a multidisciplinary subject in a world that increasingly values people who have the skills to work across the physical and social sciences.

### DETAILS ABOUT THE COURSE

#### Topics covered:

Tectonic Processes and Hazards  
Coastal Landscapes and Change  
Water Insecurity  
Energy Security  
Globalisation  
Diverse Places  
Superpowers  
Health, Human Rights and Intervention

#### Co-curricular/trips:

Three days of group fieldwork, coastal and urban.  
One independent day of fieldwork to complete Unit 4.

#### Future prospects:

Environmental engineering, politics, archaeology, higher education, teaching, journalism, planning and development, civil service, non-profit, international development, architecture, conservation.

#### You might also take...

Maths, biology, chemistry, history, English literature, philosophy and ethics, psychology.

### KEY INFORMATION

#### Prior attainment:

Five grades at 9-4  
Grade 5 in GCSE geography required  
Grade 6 in GCSE geography desirable  
For high attaining students, GCSE geography may not be required.

#### Assessment:

Unit 1: Physical Geography  
(2 hours and 15 minute written examination, 30%)

Unit 2: Human Geography  
(2 hours and 15 minute written examination, 30%)

Unit 3: Synoptic Geography  
(2 hours and 15 minute written examination, 20%)

Unit 4: Independent Investigation  
(Course work, 20%)

**An enquiring mind is essential.**