

GEOGRAPHY

A Level

Why Study this course?

- You have a genuine interest in the world around you, how it works and how places and events are inter-linked.
- You are interested in the science behind landscapes and natural systems; how they are formed and how they are dynamic and constantly changing.
- You would like to know more about the way humans interact to change our natural environment, our urban areas and our global economy.



Career Progression

- Geography is a valuable A-Level qualification which is in high demand due to the wide range of skills it helps to develop. The Guardian and Michael Palin have both named it as the "Must-have A-Level."
- Our A-level Geographers have gone into extremely varied fields such as: architecture, journalism, banking, law, dentistry, engineering, marketing and scientific research. Careers more specific to the course include: pollution consultancy, surveying and transport planning.
- Some of our alumni have gone on to study Geography at degree level at Oxbridge.

What You'll Study

Year 1:

- Hazards - Plate tectonics, volcanoes, earthquakes, storms and forest fires.
- Coastal Systems and Landscapes - Study of the coast as a dynamic system affected by wind, waves, currents and the imprint of mankind.
- Changing Places - Learning about perceptions of place via two case studies – one local suburb and one faraway city.
- Fieldtrip – Four days in Wales to study both human and physical landscapes.

Year 2:

- Global Systems and Global Governance - an in-depth analysis of the complexity of contemporary world affairs.
- Water and Carbon Cycles - Considering the physical processes of both cycles and the reasons for change over time (EG. climate change).
- Contemporary Urban Environments - exploring urban growth and change which currently present significant environmental and social challenges.
- Fieldwork Investigation - Write up of one geographical enquiry. Students will work independently on individual questions.



Why study Geography at PWSFC?

Why I chose Geography

"Geography is a fun, interesting and relevant subject. It has helped me understand the world around me. It is a very wide-ranging subject, not just about maps! Geography at Parrs Wood Sixth Form is interactive and the trips give you 'hands-on' experience of the subject." – Naseeb

"I chose to study Geography at Parrs Wood Sixth Form because it is an interesting subject that can be applied to many aspects of life.

The teachers are very enthusiastic and help to give you a hands on experience of the subject. Geography will support many career paths in later life." – Alice

Why Parrs Wood?

Fieldwork is an integral part of a geography A-level. Students are required to complete at least four full days of fieldwork and this will take place at the Rhyd-y-creuau field studies centre in Conwy, Wales. We visit the Criccieth beach to collect data on the coastal processes at work. We also consider the changing character of Betws-y-Coed and Llandudno, tourist honey-pot sites.

If you like this subject, you may also like:

Maths, Social Science subjects such as Psychology and Sociology, English

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