



GEOGRAPHY

AWARD RECEIVED – HIGHER

ENTRY LEVEL

You will normally be expected to have attained a pass at N5 Geography, or another social subject, preferably at grade A or B. Exceptional circumstances will be considered on their merits.

COURSE CONTENT – What will I learn?

There are three main sections in Higher Geography:

Physical

- Atmosphere
- Lithosphere
- Biosphere
- Hydrosphere

You will learn about different aspects of our physical environment from the air we breathe to the ground we walk on.



Human

- Population
- Rural
- Urban

You will learn about different human environments, how we have changed landscapes and populate areas of the world.



Global Issues

- River Basin Management
- Development and Health

You will learn about two Global issues that we are faced with, why they exist and how they could be solved.



TEACHING METHODS – What will I do?

In the Geography department, we use a variety of teaching methods. You will be working as an individual much of the time, but often, also, in pairs, groups or as a whole class. All of the content will be teacher-led, but it is important that consolidation tasks are carried out independently. Your teacher will have high expectations of your levels of personal effort.

ASSESSMENT

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Unit Assessment	There are three unit assessments to complete: one for the Physical section, one for the Human section one for the Global Issues section. These will be marked by your teacher. You must meet the appropriate level of competence in these unit assessments to continue with the course.
Assignment	This is a report based on fieldwork and research, written under exam conditions with a prepared plan, and marked by the SQA. It is worth 1/3 of the final mark for Higher Geography.
Final Exam	The examination for Higher Geography is one paper, worth 60 marks. In addition to the course content there is also 'Application of Geographical Skills' in the exam, pupils will have 10 marks allocated to this section. In this section pupils must apply geographical skills acquired during the course to a given scenario. The skills assessed in the question paper will include mapping skills and the use of numerical/graphical information.



HOMEWORK

You will be given regular homework for Higher Geography – about **1- 2 hours a week**. Higher students are expected to take responsibility for their own learning, organisation and homework and to do significant amounts of extra reading and preparation for assessments. The Geography Department has an excellent **Wikispace**, with resources to support homework and study, which you can easily access from home.

PROGRESSION IN THE SENIOR PHASE

A pass in Higher Geography would lead to Advanced Higher Geography in S6.

COSTS

£5 for photocopied course materials OR materials provided digitally for free.