

GEOGRAPHY: ADVANCED HIGHER

For those who already have an interest in Geography, the Advanced Higher course gives an opportunity to study topics in-depth and with an emphasis on independent learning. The course is especially suited to those who are about to go to University, studying virtually any subject, because of its academic rigour and teaching and learning techniques.

Entry to the course

- A Higher Geography pass is expected.

Course Outline

- *Geographical Methods and Techniques* - fieldwork survey/measurement and recording techniques; statistical awareness; production and interpretation of maps and diagrams. The group will go on a fieldwork weekend to the Isle of Arran.
- *Geographical Study*- requires students to use many of the techniques they have learnt by conducting fieldwork and presenting it in an investigative report. This is usually undertaken around Balfron and could cover subjects such as the relationship between soil characteristics and altitude or the defining of Aberfoyle as a tourist settlement.
- *Geographical Issues essay* - requires students to analyse a contemporary geographical issue. Examples would be the construction of dams in the Amazon basin or the viability of gas fracking in the UK.

The course assessment consists of two components. There is a final examination question paper based on the students' ability to use a variety of Geographical Methods and Techniques. This accounts for 33 per cent of the students' final mark. The remaining 67 per cent is assessed in a folio consisting of two pieces of work: the Geographical Study and the Geographical Issues Essay.

Further advice and information is available from Mr MacKay and Mrs Youens.