

GEOGRAPHY: NATIONAL 3/4/5

Why Geography? - Geography opens up for learners the physical environment around them and the ways in which people interact with this environment.

The purpose of Geography is to develop the learner's understanding of our changing world and its human and physical processes. Opportunities for practical activities, including fieldwork, will be encouraged, so that learners can interact with their environment.

Entry to the Course - The Geography course will be offered at various levels to suit the learning needs of all pupils. Enthusiasm for the subject is all that is required.

Course Outline - Pupils will study three units:

Physical Environment: Limestone and rivers; land use and conflict; and weather

Human Environment: Urban areas; rural areas; and Population

Global Issues: Climate change; and tourism

Assessment -

At National 3 and National 4 level there are assessments at the end of each of the three units.

At both National 4 and National 5 there will be an assignment which will allow learners to apply a range of skills while they research a geographical issue. At National 5 this will be marked by the SQA and will form part of the overall grade awarded.

At National 5 there is also an external exam at the end of the year, which will determine a pupil's overall grade, along with the assignment.

At both National 4 and 5, pupils will carry out field work at the River Endrick early in the course in preparation for their Assignment/Added Value Unit.

For further advice speak to Mr MacKay, Mrs Ellis, Mrs Youens or Mr Youens.