

GEOGRAPHY: NATIONAL 3/4/5

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

The purpose of Geography is to develop your understanding of our changing world and its human and physical processes. Opportunities for practical activities, including fieldwork, will be encouraged, so that you can interact with your 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 - You 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 environmental hazards

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 you to apply a range of skills while you 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 your overall grade, along with the assignment.

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

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