

S3 Geography Course



Climate change has never been so central in public discourse and it is a core theme in S3 Geography. You will look at the causes, impacts and solutions to climate change. This will build on the ideas of sustainability that you studied in S1 and S2 Geography.

You will then study environmental hazards - volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and tropical storms. Through looking at case studies in New Zealand, Haiti, Iceland and the USA you will discover the implications these hazards can have not only on a local but also on a global scale. This will be followed by a country comparison between a developed and a developing country in order to understand why inequalities exist in the world.

The study of landscape is fundamental to Geography and in S3 you will investigate rivers. You will look at the physical processes that have created features such as waterfalls, along with human aspects such as landuse and flooding. The work will culminate in a field trip to measure the changes along the River Endrick and this work will build into your National Assignment in S4.

Throughout the course you will be building on your mapping, data and graphing skills, whilst working on challenging analysis questions. This will involve using your map reading abilities to make decisions and find evidence to support your answers, a high level skill needed for S4.

Should you choose to continue to study Geography into S4, you will cover a range of topics from weather systems to population movement. This wide ranging course gives you an excellent variety of content and a better understanding of the world around you. It also equips you with a varied assortment of skills, including decision making and critical thinking.

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