



## Geography (A Level)

### **What will the course involve?**

Geography is an established subject, which emphasises a balanced understanding of both physical and human environments. Your study of the subject will be based on two key elements:

A 'People-Environment' approach to Geography and an 'Enquiry' approach to learning.

'People-Environment Geography' is based on the examination of the questions, issues and problems arising from the interaction of people with their varied environments.

The 'Enquiry' approach to learning rests on the understanding that effective learning occurs when students are actively engaged in enquiry into key environmental questions, issues and problems.

All units that you will study encourage you to evaluate sustainable development options for the future and to consider the part that you might play as a citizen and the contribution which you can make to a more sustainable use of the environment. The world we live in is changing. Geography allows you to see why and how it is changing. It combines and enhances communication, literacy and numeracy, teamwork, analytical skills, plus cultural agility, spatial and environmental awareness.

### **How will I be assessed?**

The A Level Geography course consists of three externally examined papers and one coursework component, which will all be assessed in May/June of the second year of study.

### **What skills will I develop?**

Independent Investigation: A Level Geography students undertake a minimum of four days of fieldwork and in this coursework component you are required to undertake an Independent Investigation that involves fieldwork, producing a written academic report of 3000 to 4000 words. Fieldwork will be carried out in relation to the physical and human geography studied. You will be expected to show evidence that you have used both quantitative and qualitative data to support your Independent Investigation as appropriate to the particular environment and/or location.

### **Where can the study of Geography lead?**

As an A Level Geography student, you will have access to a wide range of possible career and Higher Education opportunities. Many students, on completing A Level Geography, progress onto Higher Education courses in Geography or Environmental Science. Careers in the sciences, engineering, technology and maths also need more English than you think. Writing proposals, academic papers and articles and communicating with others is key to getting funding for projects and reaching people with your work.

### **Where can I get more information?**

For further information about studying Geography at Archbishop Blanch Sixth Form contact Mrs. Tarpey, Subject Leader for Geography on [admin@blanch.org.uk](mailto:admin@blanch.org.uk).