

Year 12 Geography

Overview: Year 12 students will broaden and deepen their geographical skills, knowledge and understanding of both physical and human geography. They will develop their fieldwork skills and begin to critically evaluate a range of statistical and text based sources.

Subject Information

Term 1

In Term 1, student will start by deepening their knowledge of a topic that is close to home; they will study **Coastal Systems and Landscapes**. Building on their work at KS4, students will begin to see the coastal environment as one large natural system and will examine the physical processes and landforms they create in this context. They will also examine the difficulties of coastal management both within the UK and abroad.

Students will also build on their work on urban issues at KS4 by examining **Contemporary Urban Environments**. Students will engage in the broad patterns of urbanisation that have occurred globally, before studying the range of opportunities and challenges that are created by urbanisation across the globe.

Term 2:

In this term students will examine the complexities of global **Water and Carbon Cycles**. Although a challenge, this will be an excellent topic to end their studies of physical geography as it will draw on and draw together much of their learning not just in the sixth form but from KS3 and KS4. They will get to grips with the systems themselves, before examining both how these systems affect human life and how human life is affecting these systems.

Students will advance the knowledge of settlement they developed in contemporary environments when studying **Changing Places**. Within this topic students will examine: how we as human define and categorise places; what shapes the character of places; the ways in which places can change; and how the meanings of places can be managed and manipulated.

Fieldwork opportunities in the local environment and further afield will be exploited during these topics.

Term 3:

Term 3: Completion of any topic work from previous terms so that content from these units is secure.

In the final term of year 12, students will have the opportunity to consolidate the learning they secured through both human and physical fieldtrips throughout the year by designing and completing their own fieldwork investigation based on a topic of their choice from those studies. They will then independently write up their **Geography NEA Fieldwork Investigation**. This is a substantial piece, which provides 20% of the final marks for the course.