

GEOGRAPHY

AS & A Level

This subject will suit you if:

- You have a genuine interest in the world around you, how it works and how places and events are inter-linked.
- You are interested in the science behind landscapes and natural systems; how they are formed and how they are dynamic and constantly changing.
- You would like to know more about the way humans interact to change our natural environment, our urban areas and our global economy.

Geography enables students to be inspired by their geographical understanding, to engage critically with real world issues and places, and to apply their knowledge, theory and skills to the world around them. Students should grow as independent thinkers and global citizens, who understand the role and importance of geography as one of the key disciplines relevant to understanding the world's changing peoples, places and environments.



What You'll Study

AS Level:

- Hazards
Plate tectonics, volcanoes, earthquakes, storms and forest fires.

- Coastal Systems and Landscapes

Additional Entry Requirements

A grade C in GCSE Geography



Study of the coast as a dynamic system affected by wind, waves, currents and the imprint of mankind.

- Changing Places
Learning about perceptions of place via two case studies – one local suburb and one faraway city.
- Fieldtrip – Four days in Wales
To study both human and physical landscapes.

A Level:

- Global Systems and Global Governance
An in-depth analysis of the complexity of contemporary world affairs.
- Water and Carbon Cycles
Considering the physical processes of both cycles and the reasons for change over time (EG. climate change).
- Population and the Environment
Exploring the relationship between the world's growing population, health and well-being.
- Fieldwork Investigation
Write up of one geographical enquiry. Students will work independently on individual questions.



PARRS WOOD | SIXTH FORM

Why I chose Geography ~ Naseeb

*"Geography is a fun, interesting and relevant subject. It has helped me understand the world around me. It is a very wide ranging subject, not just about maps!
Geography at Parrs Wood Sixth Form is interactive and the trips give you 'hands-on' experience of the subject."*



Why I chose Geography ~ Alice

"I chose to study Geography at Parrs Wood Sixth Form because it is an interesting subject that can be applied to many aspects of life. The teachers are very enthusiastic and help to give you a hands on experience of the subject. Geography will support many career paths in later life"



Ideas for Progression

Geography is a valuable A-Level qualification which is in high demand due to the wide range of skills it helps to develop. Geography crosses the Art/Science boundaries and degree courses in this subject lead to either BA or BSc qualifications. The Guardian and Michael Palin have both named it as the "Must-have A-Level."

Our A-level Geographers have gone into extremely varied fields such as: architecture, journalism, banking, law, dentistry, engineering, marketing and scientific research. Careers more specific to the course include: pollution consultancy, surveying and transport planning. Some of our alumni have gone on to study Geography at degree level at Oxbridge.

Enrichment / Trips and Events

Fieldwork is an integral part of a geography A-level. Students are required to complete at least four full days of fieldwork and this will take place at the Rhyd-y-creuau field studies centre in Conwy, Wales. We visit the Criccieth beach to collect data on the coastal processes at work. We also consider the changing character of the old mining town of Blaenau Ffestiniog, which is now a tourist honeypot site.



If you like this you may like...
Maths, Social Science subjects such as Psychology and Sociology, English

To find out more you can visit our website: www.parrswood.manchester.sch.uk/sixthform
PARRS WOOD SIXTH FORM Wilmslow Road East Didsbury Manchester M20 5PG t: 0161 446 8648 e: m.tracy@parrswood.manchester.sch.uk