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SPRINGBOARD

A-Level Geography



OUR COURSE DETAILS

Geography has never been more relevant in helping students to make sense of this dynamic and exciting world in which we all live. The Edexcel A-level is especially engaging for students, with a clear course and exam structure which includes many of the challenges the world is facing, and their possible solutions. Key concepts of place, geopolitics, risk, landscapes, interdependence, physical systems and sustainability are all included and are very topical. Students also develop a broad and employable skills base including in writing their in depth 20% independent investigation coursework and on the fantastic residential field course to Shropshire. We work closely with Edexcel and run events with experts who come into college to work with us. The course provides great opportunities to engage with Nottingham University, the RGS and the GA for expert lectures and conferences. We offer opportunities for quality work experience locally and we also ensure that university and careers progression support is provided throughout.



EMPLOYABILITY

Geography is one of the most employable subjects to study! Find out more here:

<https://www.rgs.org/geography/news/geographers-remain-among-the-most-employable-unive/>

<https://www.rgs.org/geography/choose-geography/careers/employability/>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/geography>

<https://is.gd/RGSDemandforGeography>



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PREPARING FOR STUDY

A-Level geography builds on GCSE Geography but extends the detail, understanding and especially the geographical skills to a higher level which sets you up well for further study.

A great idea is to extract the most applicable bits of your GCSE folders especially on the topics of Tectonic Hazards, Coastal Geography, Globalisation, Regeneration/Place Geography and revise these to prepare for A-level.



FILMS

The Impossible – 2012 Film on the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami (a key case study).

Slumdog Millionaire – 2008 Film set in the slums of Mumbai.

The Corporation – 2003 Film about the growth and dominance of corporations.

An Inconvenient Truth – 2006 Film which made a big impact on understanding of climate change.



UNIVERSITY COURSES

Our students go on to study at universities all over the world including some of the very best institutions. In 2019 a record 3 of our Geographers progressed to study Geography at Oxford and Cambridge Universities which was excellent.

We have very good relationships with many universities and work closely with the University of Nottingham Geography Department who host our students for a series of excellent lectures each year in association with the Geographical Association.

Every year, our students progress successfully to a wide range of destinations and into some fantastic careers including GIS Analyst, Retail Management, Civil Service, Environmental Consultancy, Banking and Finance, Insurance and so many more fields.

Useful resources to research on this:

<https://www.rgs.org/geography/choose-geography/geography-at-university/>

A full list of Geography Courses at University:

<https://www.rgs.org/geography/choose-geography/geography-at-university/directory-of-geography-courses/>



OUR TOP READS

Ghosts of the Tsunami: Death and Life in Japan's Disaster Zone by Richard Lloyd Parry

The Cure for Catastrophe: How We Can Stop Manufacturing Natural Disasters by Robert Muir-Wood.

Prisoners of Geography and *Divided* by Tim Marshall

Factfulness by Hans Rosling

Our course textbook for Year 12: *Edexcel A level Geography Book 1* Hodder Education by Cameron Dunn et al

You could subscribe to some great magazines and periodicals such as *Time*, *The Economist* and *Geographical* and why not consider joining the RGS as a young geographer or the GA as a student member? Loads of great resources here!



PEOPLE TO RESEARCH

- *Doreen Massey*—A late, great radical geographer who was a key contributor to feminist geography and the geography of place which we study in the year 12 human course.
- *Tim Marshall*—A leading and inspiring author and journalist (see above books).
- *Professor Simon Gosling*—A leading professor of Climate Change at Nottingham University and the author of many key pieces of research on this vital topic we study within the carbon cycle topic.
- *Professor Danny Dorling*—A leading social geographer at Oxford University who is very active in the media and social media.
- *Professor Iain Stewart*—Professor of Geoscience Communication at Plymouth University and a BBC TV GeoCelebrity!



USEFUL ONLINE LINKS

www.twitter.com/RGS_IBGSchools

www.twitter.com/Wef

www.twitter.com/Worldmapper

RGS Ask the Experts Podcasts:

https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching_resources/ask-the-expert-podcasts/

Where can Geography take you?

<https://arcg.is/1XyD1r>

Useful Revision resource for the whole course (select Edexcel A-Level): <https://www.senecalearning.com/>



LINKS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

<https://is.gd/EdexcelGeography>