



Geography

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Why King's?

Facilities

- Suite of five dedicated teaching rooms.
- Sixth Form research room with 16 PCs
- Specialist software including ArcGIS Online
- Extensive online and print resources to support independent study

Highlights

- Residential fieldwork at GCSE (French Alps) and A Level (Iceland)
- 44% A*/A; 100% A*-C (A level)
- Popular GCSE and A level subject option
- 39% grades 9-8 at GCSE
- High proportion of students study Geography related courses at university or A level
- Geography club and inter-Form/House Quiz

Geography affects our everyday lives – from travelling to school, walking on the Malverns or even buying a pair of jeans! A great strength of the subject is its variety and this is reflected in lessons. Pupils are encouraged to look with understanding at their environment, but also to take a critical view of the information that they are given. Geography is all about the earth's diversity, its resources and human survival on it, and thus plays an integral part in our understanding of the world in which we live. It also develops important ICT, numeracy, literacy and presentation skills.

Geography is taught in mixed ability groups to all pupils in Years 7-9, and is a popular option subject at both GCSE and A level. The department has excellent resources but most significantly pupils benefit from a team of experienced and enthusiastic teaching staff who adopt a mix of traditional and contemporary teaching techniques to help pupils meet their potential. Fieldwork and ICT play valuable roles at all levels.

Academic Performance

83% A*-B

Geography A Level

74% 9-6

Geography GCSE

2023 Results

“ So many of the world's current issues – at a global scale and locally – boil down to Geography ”

Michael Palin.



Enrichment

There are many opportunities for further learning outside normal geography lessons. In addition to our fieldwork programme, we offer a Geography Club, run a support clinic, organise lectures and hold an inter-Form/House Geography Quiz.





Key Stage 3

The first three years of geography at King's are spent laying a foundation of skills and understanding for the years ahead. The topics selected for study are relevant to the current generation and our aim is to develop interest in the world we live in. Fieldwork is carried out in the local area including Worcester and Gloucester.

Year 7 topics include:

- Thinking like a Geographer
- Weather & Climate
- Global Issues: plastics & climate change
- Megacities
- Geographical skills and GIS
- Being a sustainable UK citizen
- Awesome Places

Year 8 topics include:

- Planet Earth, rocks & weathering
- The Anthropocene
- Rivers & flood risk
- Challenging Places: Sahara, Sahel and Horn of Africa

Year 9 Topics include:

- Challenge & change in urban areas
- Global Development and Inequalities
- Our Restless Earth - volcanoes & earthquakes
- Glaciation
- Global Issues - fast fashion & electronics

GCSE (AQA Exam Board)

Approximately three-quarters of the year group choose to study geography at GCSE level.

Assessment at the end of the Fifth Form is entirely by exam, involving 3 papers:

- Paper 1: Natural Hazards, Physical Landscapes of the UK, The Living World.
- Paper 2: The Changing Economic World, Urban Issues and Challenges, The Global Management of resources.
- Paper 3: Geographical Applications - questions based on fieldwork and a decision making task.

Both physical and human based fieldwork are undertaken during the course in Shropshire and Bristol.

At the end of Year 10 pupils have the opportunity of a residential field trip to the French Alps, which is often a highlight for many King's pupils.

Sixth Form Geography (OCR Exam Board)

The A-level course involves a study of traditional physical geography (Water & Carbon Systems, Coastal Landscapes and Hazardous Earth) and contemporary human geography (Changing Spaces; Making Places; Disease Dilemmas; Global Migration and Powers & Borders). Three examinations require a mix of short, extended and essay style answers. Candidates will also be required to complete a 3,000-4,000 word personal investigation which will contribute 20% towards their final assessment. The course builds on a student's GCSE background and lays secure foundations for those wanting to study Geography at university. Residential fieldwork is a feature of the course.

Please see additional booklet outlining the Sixth Form course for more details.