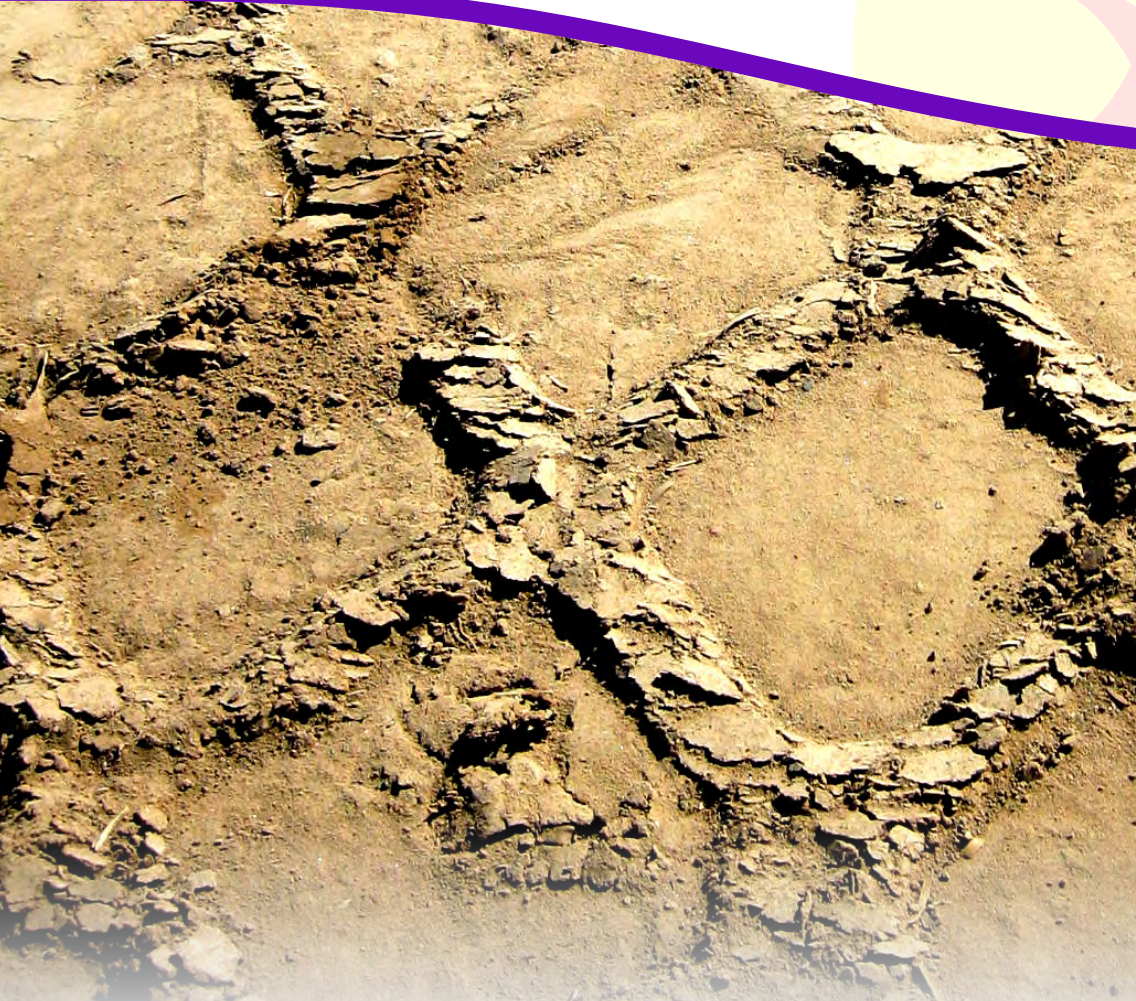


A Level: Geography Humanities



Course Facts & Figures at a glance...

Subject Leader
Mrs Wood

Course Title
A-Level Geography

QAN Code
500/2594/6

Awarding Body
AQA

Number of Units
2 per year

Unit Titles

Unit 1: Physical and Human Geography

Unit 2: Geographical Skills

Unit 3: Contemporary Geographical Issues

Unit 4A Geography Fieldwork Investigation

Number of Entrants Last Year

AS: 20 A2: 5

Percentage Pass Rate Last Year

100% A*-C at A2 Level

The Geography courses provide students with an exciting insight to the world in which we live from both a human and physical perspective.

The AS course allows students to gain a deeper understanding of key areas of Geographical study. Topics covered include traditional aspects of Geography including 'Cold Environments' and 'Rivers, Floods and Management'. The course also looks at areas of Geography that are constantly evolving; 'Population Change' and 'Health Issues'.

Unit 2 focuses on extending students Geographical skills of enquiry and analysis, using data collected from local fieldwork conducted during the course.

During the Summer of Year 12 students visit Ainsdale sand dunes to undertake an investigation of the sand dune ecosystem with support from Sefton Rangers.

This provides an excellent base for unit 4a and prepares for unit 3.

The final unit focuses on a range of contemporary Geographical issues such as 'Development and Globalisation' and 'Ecosystems: Change and Challenge'.

Students have been offered opportunities for foreign fieldtrips, most recently to the French Alps to study glaciation with Liverpool Hope University, but the new fieldtrip opportunity for April 2011 is to Iceland where students will be able to visit the Blue Lagoon, witness the Northern Lights and visit many other amazing sights in this volcanic country.

Students learn through a variety of mediums, including independent and collaborative work, a combination of which provide students with a comprehensive and exhilarating Geography A level.

Studying Geography contributes to a wide variety of Higher Education options and career paths. These can include areas focusing on the environment; such as *meteorology, working for the Environment Agency, land surveying and town planning.*

Many areas of further study and employment also benefit from the human Geography aspect of the course; international development, working for the DfID or a nongovernmental organisation such as World Vision. It is also a popular choice for a teaching career. As our culture becomes more aware of global issues, the need for Geographical qualifications can only increase.