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A Level in Geography

Location	Marple College
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	A Levels
Start Date	Monday 2nd September 2024
Course Code	MFQ-ML3L-1109

Course Overview

We face a number of urgent and growing crises, including climate change, energy insecurity, water insecurity, extinction and the loss of biodiversity, and the challenges of feeding and housing a growing population. Some experts predict an increase in global conflicts over access to scarce resources, whilst the scale and pace of migration is often blamed for rising political tensions. If you are interested in analysing the reasons for these issues and investigating what we can do to solve them, then geography is the subject for you, because it is concerned with the ways people interact with their environments and the impacts we have on the planet, and how we might develop more sustainable ways of living.

Course Requirements

PLEASE NOTE - YOU MUST APPLY FOR 3 A LEVELS

Standard A Level entry requirements: 5 x GCSE grade 5's or above (must include Maths and English Language). However, certain subjects may have additional entry criteria, which can be found below:

Additional Entry Requirements:

A Level Geography will require grade 5 in GCSE Geography.

What You Will Learn

The course includes 4 compulsory days of fieldwork. Two days are spent studying glaciation and tourism in North Wales or The Lake District. One day looks at Contrasting Places in Greater Manchester and a final day looks at Sustainable Living. There is also potential for overseas trips, including Europe and Iceland, with sufficient numbers.

Geography is a broad subject that develops an excellent knowledge base and skills set. It combines well with most other subjects. It is highly valued by employers and universities and is one of the Governments eight 'facilitating' subjects. A new growth area for geography employment is in the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS), where there is something of a national skills shortage at present.

Assessment

You will be assessed by examination (80%). Paper 1 covers Physical Geography, Paper 2 covers Human Geography and Paper 3 is a Synoptic Paper. You complete an individual coursework project (20%) on any topic from the specification of your choice. The coursework involves the collection, analysis and interpretation of data.

Progression

Upon completing this course, students could progress onto further study or employment in areas such as: Ecotourism, Land Manager, Water Management, National Trust Officer, Forest Project Officer and more.

Career Options

Studying Geography opens up a wide range of careers, including Environmental Management, Business and Marketing, development and global issues.

Mandatory Units

Area of study 1: Dynamic Landscapes
Area of study 2: Dynamic Places
Area of study 3: Physical Systems and Sustainability
Area of study 4: Human Systems and Geopolitics

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