



A-Level Geography at Huntington School

Excite your mind, challenge perceptions and stimulate investigative and analytical skills



Unit 1 – Physical Geography

Water and carbon cycles

How important are water and carbon cycles for life on earth? How and why are they changing? How can we slow down the rapidly changing global temperatures? This course analyses the relationships between water and carbon and focusses enquiring minds on the changes caused by rising global temperatures.

Coastal systems and landscapes

How are the dynamic landscapes that shape our coastline formed? This course looks at the beauty and diversity of coasts and evaluates their importance as human habitats.



Hazards

What are the causes and impacts of natural hazards? How do humans respond to these disasters? This course offers the opportunity to explore the relationships between people and their surrounding environments that they occupy.

Unit 2 – Human Geography

Global systems and global governance

Globalisation touches everyone's life in some way. What impact does this have on different people and places? How is it changing our economies and societies? Who has the power to make global decisions? How can we ensure globalisation is sustainable?

Changing places

This topic investigates how places change and how this affects the groups of people who live in these spaces. What makes them a good place to live? How do different people feel about living in the same space? How can place be portrayed in the media?

Contemporary Urban Environments

This topic encompasses the challenges facing an increasingly urbanised world. We explore how past policies have shaped cities in the UK. We also look at cities around the world to develop our understanding of opportunities for sustainable urban development.



Unit 3 – Independent enquiry

There are 4 days of fieldwork throughout the A Level course, which works towards the development of your own geographical investigation.

This independent fieldwork enquiry accounts for 20% of the A Level grade and is assessed through a 3000-4000 word report. All of this will be developed in lessons with support from the Geography team. This investigation will develop your skills both for future study and careers.

York

You will visit York to investigate how the local area has changed over time by carrying out a range of fieldwork techniques. This will help to inform the planning of your final investigation.

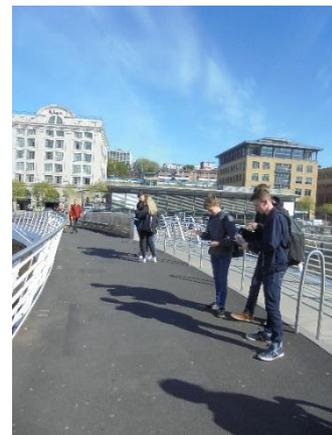


Holderness Coast

You will visit the Holderness Coast where you will learn a wide variety of fieldwork techniques to collect data. You will work as a team to devise a simple enquiry, which will help to inform the planning for your final fieldwork enquiry.

Northumberland and Newcastle

This residential trip has a physical and a human day of data collection. You will collect and analyse their own data and draw conclusions to answer your investigation question.



Overseas trips



In the Spring term (on a two year cycle) we usually offer an overseas trip. In 2019 we took 58 students to Sicily.

In recent years we have also travelled to Iceland. These trips are offered as an enrichment opportunity but afford you the opportunity to experience the beauty of the natural environment in an ever changing world.

If you have any questions about the course or want to know any more, please email j.leites@huntington-ed.org.uk