

GEOGRAPHY

Why should I study Geography?

Geographers are able to think critically, synthesize complex ideas, and make informed decisions. Geography spans the Arts and the Sciences, and the logical, methodical approach used when studying Geography, combined with the ability to make connections between disparate topics and issues, are increasingly in demand in the world of work. Alongside these skills, Geography students are also socially aware, strong communicators and excel at teamwork. Studying Geography opens up a wide range of careers.

Bolingbroke is best for Geography because...

In the Humanities department we have a dedicated team of teachers that will support, motivate and challenge their pupils. We have the advantage of small teaching groups and teachers who are experienced, passionate and knowledgeable about their subject. We value and take pride in the fieldwork opportunities we can offer. There is opportunity for lots of learning outside of the classroom, in both rural and urban areas. At Bolingbroke you will participate in debates and discussions, analyse newspapers and take part in group work; helping you to develop skills that will make you more employable and successful.

What will I study?

1. Physical Geography

a. Water and carbon cycles (The content invites students to contemplate the magnitude and significance of the cycles at

a variety of scales, their relevance to wider geography and their central importance for human populations).

b. Coastal systems and Landscapes (their formation and their evolution over time and how these areas are managed).

c. Hazards (geophysical and hydro-meteorological).

2. Human geography

a. Global systems and global governance (globalisation, trade and interdependence).

b. Changing places - this section focuses on people's engagement with places, their experience of them and the qualities they ascribe to them, all of which are of fundamental importance in their lives.

c. Population and the environment or Resource security.

3. Geography fieldwork investigation

An independent investigation with a significant element of fieldwork, of 3000-4000 words in length.

Additional activities within this subject

- Bolingbroke works closely with the Royal Geographical Society in South Kensington (www.rgs.org) as a Member and Partner School, and A-level students will be able to regularly attend Monday evening lectures at the Society, amongst other opportunities.
- 4-day residential trip for all A-level Geography students to complete fieldwork in the natural environment, which will contribute 20% towards their final A-level grade.

- The department is also planning for a trip to Iceland or Morocco for Year 12 students to enhance their understanding of key geographical concepts and processes.



What our students say

“At Bolingbroke Academy I have always had a geography teacher who is engaging, fun, and whose best interest has always been in us, the students. I feel like doing geography at A-level will have many challenges, but also many rewards.”

Class of 2019 student