

Geography



The Course

Geography A Level is an exciting course that allows you to explore and understand the dynamic patterns of the world that we live in. What could be more exciting than scaling the highest mountains in the world, predicting the biggest natural hazards facing mankind or understanding the dynamics of human development.

At St Joseph's you will share this experience with specialist teachers who committed to you and your enjoyment of the subject so that you become active citizens of the world.

Tasks

Before you start your Geography lessons we would like you to be up to date on some case study examples. If you are aware of them before we start, then we can have some real fun going into as much detail as possible. We would like you to develop at least 3 case study examples and knowledge by doing your own individual research. In the case studies we would like you to find out location, cause, time, date, social impacts, economic impacts and extent of the damage.

The internet will have a wealth of information for you to use. The case studies that you can choose from are:

- Boxing Day Tsunami
- Japanese Tsunami
- Mount St Helens Eruption
- Ejafjallajokull Eruption
- Nepal Earthquake
- Yellowstone Eruption (potential)

As keen environmentalists we are always watching interesting films and documentaries. We invite you to join us and watch some of the eye-opening films from the list below. Many of them are films that have changed my life

Pre-Course Reading

Prisoners of Geography (Time Marshall) *All leaders are constrained by geography. Their choices are limited by mountains, rivers, seas and concrete. If you don't know geography, you'll never have the full picture*

Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind (Yuval Noah Harari) *A thrilling account of our extraordinary history – from insignificant apes to rulers of the world.*

Walking the Nile (Levison Wood) *A personal favourite of mine. From source to mouth Levison Wood documents his extraordinary journey and many of these places we will explore in the Year 13 topic 'Development in Africa'.*

<i>Blue Planet</i>	<i>Cowspiracy</i>	<i>An Inconvenient Truth</i>	<i>Our Planet</i>	<i>Captain Phillips</i>
<i>Free Solo</i>	<i>Planet Earth</i>	<i>Avatar</i>	<i>Slumdog Millionaire</i>	<i>Everest</i>

Useful Websites

<https://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/geography> --- • <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/> ---

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zs8k4qt>