



GEOGRAPHY

Subject Leader
Examination Board

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Overview of course content

Geography helps us to make sense of the world. Geography is contemporary and topical. It extends from the local area to the furthest parts of the world. If you are interested in people, society and the environment, you will enjoy Geography. Today we face exciting challenges as we need to create a sustainable future for everyone - there has never been a better time to study Geography. Geography bridges the arts and sciences so you learn lots of different skills.

UNIT 1 - Changing Landscapes

- Physical geography of Wales and the wider UK (rivers and coasts)
- Rural and urban change from local to global
- Tectonic landscapes & hazards

UNIT 2 - Issues

- Weather, climate and ecosystems
- Development and resource issues
- Environmental challenges

UNIT 3 - Fieldwork Enquiry

- Two contrasting locations such as:
- Llantwit Major beach and cliffs
- Inner Harbour, Cardiff Bay

Summary of assessment

(a) Two examination papers - no tiers

Paper 1 (examining Unit 1) at the end of Year 11 (40%)

Paper 2 (examining Unit 2) at the end of Year 11 (40%)

(b) Fieldwork Enquiry – non-exam assessment at the start of Year 11 (20%)

Learning Pathways post 16

Skills developed in GCSE Geography can be applied to all Sixth Form and College courses and the GCSE offers a direct pathway to A Level Geography.

Many Bassaleg geographers go on to study Geography at degree level. Geography leads into a wide range of professions including travel, human rights, hazard management, housing, planning, environmental law, teaching, transport, logistics, remote sensing, environmental consultancy and leisure.