

EXCEPTIONAL TEACHING EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

GEOGRAPHY

Launceston Sixth

Subject Information
For admissions in September

Geography

Exam Board: AQA
Specification Link: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/a-level/geography-7037/specification

Paper 1 Physical Geography: This unit requires pupils to gain a comprehensive, applied understanding of global physical systems and their impact on humans. Core topics include the coastal environment, where you study processes, landforms, and management; the water and carbon cycles, which are critical mechanisms for life and linked to climate change; and natural hazards, examining risks and responses to tectonic and atmospheric events. Through these studies, you develop scientific literacy and the ability to analyse complex environmental data.

Paper 2 Human Geography: This unit explores the social and economic forces that shape our planet, focusing on patterns of change and inequality. It involves the understanding and application of human geography topics such as changing places, which explores how flows of people, money, and ideas affect local character; contemporary urban environments, which examines the challenges of global urbanisation; and Global Governance and Systems, which analyses flows of trade, governance, and power. This paper sharpens critical thinking and the ability to evaluate complex, multi-faceted policy issues. Geographical Investigation (Non-Examined Assessment - NEA): This compulsory, independent project requires pupils to use the knowledge and technical skills gained throughout the course to carry out an in-depth enquiry into a geographical concept or issue. You will develop fieldwork, research, and geographical communication skills, including statistical analysis and data presentation. This experience is highly valued by universities and employers as it demonstrates the capacity for independent academic study and problem solving.

Entry Requirements: 5 GCSE's at 5-9 including minimum of Grade 6 in Geography and Grade 5 in Maths and English.

Possible Progression Routes: Geography is one of the most diverse topics to study at university level, providing an academic bridge between the sciences (climate, hazards, ecology) and the humanities (urban planning, international development, geopolitics); pupils really can study about any topic related to our world. This versatility, combined with the development of crucial analytical and technical skills like data analysis, GIS (Geographic Information Systems) mapping, and independent research, ensures that Geography is highly regarded by institutions and employers alike, which is why Geography graduates have one of the highest employment rates.

Equipment Required: Geography is a demanding academic subject that benefits from extensive background reading. A copy of the textbook and/or revision guide for the A-Level specification is recommended for success, though not compulsory; please contact staff for details of the relevant publications.

Other Relevant Information: Fieldwork is an exciting, highly enriching, and essential hands-on component of the A-Level course that brings geography to life! We currently offer exciting opportunities to take part in dynamic field trips, including visits to London, an inspiring 3-day residential trip, and local fieldwork studies at Wembury Beach and Holywell. These memorable experiences provide invaluable practical learning and form a crucial, engaging part of your overall course experience.

How to Apply:

To apply to Launceston Sixth please complete our online application form: www.launcestoncollege.uk/sixth-form
Our admissions team will then be in contact to arrange a Sixth Form interview to discuss your options, your aspirations, and to provide advice and guidance on your next steps.

If you cannot access the website, or would like to submit a paper based application please email or call.

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Further details about all of the courses we offer can be found on our website

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