



Geography

At Barr's Hill we are committed to ensuring students receive top quality teaching and learning experiences. Students will be taught by experienced members of staff. Alongside the course they will have character building opportunities to support them with their future aspirations to inspire a love for Geography and the world around them. The Geography curriculum also ensures that pupils are well equipped with the crucial skills and knowledge that are essential for a wide range of careers.

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs Grades 5+ (ideally a GCSE at 5+ in Geography)

Topics covered

Component 1: Physical Geography:

1. Water & Carbon
2. Natural Hazards
3. Coastal Systems

Component 2: Human Geography

1. Global Systems & Global Governance
 2. Changing Places
 3. Population and the Environment
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Skills you will develop on the course

Geography students have the opportunity to apply for subject leadership roles to complement their A-Level studies. These offer excellent character-building opportunities which are important when considering university and employment applications. Opportunities include discussing their passion for the subject with lower year groups, supporting with P16 Select Geography Open Evening and leadership skills by supporting or running subject enrichment.

Assessment

Paper 1: Physical Geography: 2 hours 30, 40% of A-Level
Paper 2: Human Geography: 2 hours 30, 40% of A-Level
NEA Coursework: 20% of A-Level

Educational trips, visits and wider experiences

Barr's Hill Geography department currently works with the Oxford Geographical Association to ensure our students have the opportunity to attend university style lectures in Oxford on topics relevant to the course, and those of particular interest to students. Previous lectures have been given by Tim Marshall (author of Prisoners of Geography), and Alan Parkinson (the President of the Geographical Association).

Students will also have the opportunity to undertake a number of fieldtrips in a variety of locations to support with the NEA coursework element of the course. Location of the trips can vary each year, but in the past students have had the opportunity to attend a residential trip in Wales. These trips are an excellent way of developing fieldwork skills such as data collection and a great way of seeing more of the world we live in.

What type of students will do well on this course?

We are looking for hard working and passionate Geographers who are interested in the world around them and the influence (both positive and negative) that humans have on it. Geography is a fantastic subject for those studying Science and also complements Human Geographers who are looking to study Social Sciences and English.

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Post-School Progression Opportunities

University	Entry requirements	Other similar courses offered
University of St Andrews BSc (Hons) Geography	AAA/ABB	Sustainable Development BSc
London School of Economics BA (Hons) Geography	AAA	BA Geography BSc Geography with Economics BSc Environmental Policy with Economics
Coventry University Geography BA (Hons)	BBC	Geography and Natural Hazards BSc (Hons) Geography BSc (Hons)

Career Opportunities

Environmental Consultancy:

What would I do?

- Work to ensure that their commercial or government clients comply with regulations and address a variety of environmental issues
- This is a varied role, typically focusing on identifying whether an area of land, air or water is polluted, and what the impact would be.
- Working with local authorities, architects and town planners to understand the impact of future developments on the environment and how they can be minimized.

UK average: £35-£45,000

Routes in: Bachelor's degree

Landscape Architect:

What would I do?

- meeting with clients to discuss their needs
- surveying sites to look at existing plant and animal life, and natural resources
- getting the views of local residents, businesses and other people who use the site
- using CAD packages to draw up ideas for clients to choose from
- presenting your design ideas to clients
- drawing up contracts and managing the tendering process for contractors
- writing reports and environmental impact assessments
- giving evidence to public enquiries
- monitoring the progress of projects

UK average: £42,930

Routes in: With experience, you could move on to a supervisory or management position, become a partner in a private practice, or set up your own practice.

Quantity Surveyor:

What would I do?

- finding out a client's needs and assessing if their plans are feasible
- working out quantities and costs of materials, time and labour for tenders
- negotiating contracts and work schedules
- advising on legal matters, including risks and disputes
- monitoring sub-contractors and stages of construction
- writing regular reports on costs and preparing accounts for payment
- keeping up to date with construction methods and materials

UK average: £47,213

Routes in: With experience, you could become a senior quantity surveyor or move into senior project management, supply chain management, consultancy work or self-employment.