

Department Information

The department has access to four specialised geography classrooms, a humanities ICT room and access to school resources such as iPad banks and an animation room. Humanities staff have access to departmental staff areas consisting of a humanities staff base and a designated quiet workroom.

GCSE and A Level geography students follow the new AQA specifications. A strength within our department is our collaborative planning and all key stages have a high quality scheme of work in place; each incorporating structured assessments, a wide variety of lesson activities and revision materials.

Geography is one of the most popular subject choices at both GCSE and A Level and our most recent examination results are as follows:

	Currently in Year 11/13	A*-A 2017	A*-C 2017	Pass
GCSE	208	39%	85%	98%
A Level	83	19%	73%	100%

Compulsory trips across the key stages include local trips to West Bay, the Purbecks and multiple locations across Dorchester and Poundbury. We also offer students enrichment trips to London (Year 9), Sicily (Year 10) and Iceland (A Level).

We also strive to provide a variety of other enrichment opportunities for our students. Students represent our school annually in both the GA Worldwide Quiz competition and the RGS Young Geographer Award. We host many visitors from outside agencies (e.g. MSF London, Duchy Planning Department) to further enhance our Sixth Form students' experience and passion for the subject. With many of our students going on to study Geography and related degrees at university, we also visit local universities for twilight lectures hosted by the Geographical Association.

