



# NOWER HILL HIGH SCHOOL



## GEOGRAPHY A LEVEL - AQA

### Who is the course for?

Geography is a dynamic subject highly relevant to the world today. If you have an interest in global issues, the environment, current affairs or simply understanding the landscapes around us, then geography is for you. If you value studying subjects that are relevant to your own life and experiences and enjoy undertaking practical investigations outdoors as well as work in the classroom, this is a good choice of subject.

### What can it lead to?

Geography is a broad subject that can lead to a wide variety of careers. As an A Level subject it is well-respected by a huge range of industries and employers. Opportunities include working in international development or with charities, environmental risk assessment, climate change mitigation, conservation, forestry, urban regeneration, transport, planning and the travel industry. Many geographers specialise through further study after A Level and opportunities are as varied as urban regeneration, geology, meteorology, seismology and hazard management.

### What are the entry requirements?

You are required to have studied Geography at GCSE and you must have achieved 5 or above. To achieve a grade C or above at A level you will need to be able to write evaluative essays, think and work independently, plan and undertake a field investigation and interpret primary and secondary data, including maps, graphs and statistical techniques.

### How will I be taught?

Through teacher-initiated discussion, problem-solving and decision-making group work and practical activities in the field. You will be expected to write extended essay-style assessments and answer structured questions both for homework and in timed conditions in the classroom. You will also be expected to conduct your own independent research as well as read widely around the subject.

### What will I study?

We teach the AQA A level syllabus code 7037 which covers a variety of Physical and Human topics. Fieldwork and statistical techniques are taught throughout the course and are integral to the coursework (see below). The physical and human elements of the course are each assessed through separate two and a half hour examinations.

#### **Content**

**Physical Geography** will include a core section *Water and Carbon cycles* and two options: *Coastal Systems* and *Ecosystems Under Stress*.

**Human Geography** will include a core section: *Global systems and Global Governance, Changing Places and Population and Environment*.

**Geographical Investigation (Coursework) :** Students must complete a 3000 – 4000 word investigation based on an individual question or hypothesis and fieldwork conducted by the candidate. They may choose any topic covered in the specification. The final piece will be worth 20% of the A level and will be marked by the teacher and moderated by AQA.