

## Why Geography?

The study of Geography at Advanced Higher level gives you the opportunity to develop a high level of skill in independent study, co-operative learning, objective thinking and the ability to communicate clearly and confidently. You will gain expertise in the use of a range of maps, diagrams, fieldwork techniques and IT. The course aims to give you a detailed understanding of many aspects of the contemporary world which are of concern to all citizens. You will gain understanding of the ways in which people and the environment interact in response to physical and human processes and systems and gain a geographical perspective on environmental issues.

Advanced Higher Geography provides you with a sound base from which to pursue further or higher education as well as enhancing your general education and personal development.

# GEOGRAPHY ADVANCED HIGHER

## Details of Course Components

This is at the discretion of the school but you would normally be expected to have attained one of the following:

- A course or component units at Higher in Geography
- A course or units in other social subjects at Higher or Advanced Higher level.

The course consists of three compulsory 40 hour units plus 40 hours flexible time.

- Geographical Methods and Techniques
- Geographical Study
- Geographical Issues

Fieldwork is a very important part of any Geography course. Fieldwork is carried out locally around Turriff.

## ASSESSMENT

The course is externally assessed by the SQA and consists of two components

1. A written examination (50 marks) (33%)
2. A folio of Course work which consists of two key pieces of work:
3.
  - Geographical Study - a report on geographical research (60 marks) (40%)
  - Geographical Issues - an essay which critically evaluates an issue from a geographical perspective. (40 marks) (27%)



## FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

### Geography Staff :

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### Courses in Turriff Academy

National 4 Geography  
National 5 Geography  
Higher Geography  
Advanced Higher Geography

National 4 History  
National 5 History  
Higher History  
Advanced Higher History

National 4 Modern Studies  
National 5 Modern Studies  
Higher Modern Studies  
Advanced Higher Modern Studies

Higher Politics

National 4 RMPS  
National 5 RMPS  
Higher RMPS

### Useful websites to help you with your choices:

[www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk)  
[www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk](http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk)

*Further advice and information on these options is available from your subject teacher, guidance teacher and careers adviser.*