

## CAREERS INFORMATION

### Career Areas

Geographical skills are valuable in a wide range of career sectors, including: working with development or aid agencies, environmental work, working for the census office and in tourism and leisure.

Archaeologist, Cartographer, Civil or Structural Engineering, Countryside Ranger, Environmental consultant, Forest Ranger, Game Keeper, Geologist, Geophysicist, Landscape Architect, Meteorologist, Mining Engineer, Nature Conservationist, Oceanographer, Outdoor Activities Instructor, Surveying, Secondary Teacher of Geography, Tour Manager or Leader, Town and Country Planner, Travel Agency Manager, Travel Consultant.

Geography students are highly employable as a result of learning transferable skills. Geography students are: numerate literate, good team workers, can think analytically and critically, have cultural agility, are socially and environmentally aware and are creative. They are able to problem solve, integrate ideas effectively, are highly computer literate and have a wider experience due to fieldwork.

## OTHER INFORMATION

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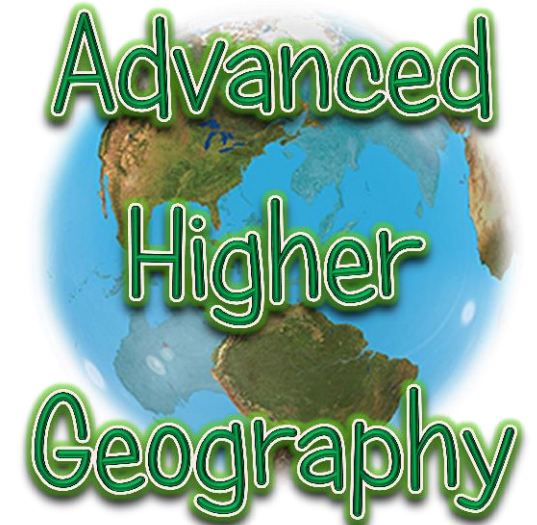
Fieldwork is a very important part of any Geography course. Fieldwork is carried out locally around Turriff.

There are a number of fieldwork opportunities e.g. three day fieldtrip to Kindrogan Field Studies centre. This is an Aberdeenshire wide fieldwork course which involves pupils from the seventeen Aberdeenshire schools. This is offered by trained staff at Kindrogan Field Studies centre which is owned by the Field Studies Council. This will prepare Advanced Higher geographers for completing their Geographical Study, worth 60 out of 150 marks available for the course award.



The department also runs various foreign trips during the Activities week which are open to all pupils across the school.

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## COURSE INFORMATION

### Why study Advanced Higher 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.

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

### Entry to the Course

- A course or component units at [Higher in Geography](#)
- A course or units in other social subjects at Higher or Advanced Higher level.

## Course Outline

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

- Geographical Methods and Techniques (40 hours)
- Geographical Study (40 hours)
- Geographical Issues (40 hours)

## ASSESSMENT

Units are assessed internally by your teacher/lecturer in accordance with SQA guidelines.

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

1. A written examination (50 marks) (30%)
2. A folio of Course work which consists of two key pieces of work:
  - 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) (30%)

## PROGRESSION

What follows Advanced Higher Geography?

