

Entry requirements:

Holy Family Sixth Form entry requirements apply. In addition students wanting to study Geography should have at least a grade 5 in Geography at GCSE.

The Learning:

Geography allows students to study a mix of topics, including contemporary subjects such as Powers & Borders and Disease Dilemmas: through to the more traditional Geography topics such as Earth's Life Support Systems and Tectonics. It gives you the opportunity to develop a range of geographical and non-vocational skills, which make it an ideal subject to take with both Science/Mathematical based subjects or with Humanities based subjects (History and English). Students are able to develop their understanding of the physical and human world through practical activities. They will also be given the opportunity to develop decision making, by looking at complex 'real life' issues in the world today. Students will also develop their analytical and interpretative skills throughout the course. There are a number of practical fieldwork opportunities throughout the course, including a study of regeneration of Liverpool and Infiltration experiments in Otley Chevin.

What direction this course might take you in:

Geography is a subject respected by many University courses as it develops important skills within its students. Geographers tend to be good communicators; problem solvers; creative thinkers and team players. They can analyse data effectively; identify linkages between issues and often look at the 'big picture' whilst evaluating complex contemporary issues. Because of these skills it has relevance for many subjects which see these skills as important. Students who have studied Geography at Holy Family have gone on to study Law, Dentistry, Medicine, Politics, Economics and English, to name but a few courses. There are a large number of vocational career paths leading from Geography, including research, development and aid work, urban planning and volcanology.