

| Curricular Area: Social Subjects                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Subject: Geography                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                   |                |
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| National 4<br>(SCQF Level 4)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | National 5<br>(SCQF Level 5)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Higher<br>(SCQF Level 6)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Advanced Higher<br>(SCQF Level 7)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                   |                |
| Course Content                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Course Content                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Course Content                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Course Content                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                   |                |
| At N4 Geography, we study both content and skills over the year.<br><br><b>Physical Environments</b><br>Weather, landscapes & land uses.<br><b>Human Environments</b><br>Developing and developed nations.<br><b>Global Issues</b><br>Climate change and tourism.<br><b>Geographic skills (mapping)</b><br>Pupils can choose any reasonable geographic topic for their AVU. | At N5 Geography, we study both content and skills over the year.<br><br><b>Physical Environments</b><br>Weather, glacial and coastal landscapes & land uses conflicts.<br><b>Human Environments</b><br>Developed and developing cities; rural environments; population and development.<br><b>Global Issues</b><br>Climate change; Mass & Eco-Tourism.<br><b>Geographic skills (mapping, research, graphical information)</b><br><br>Pupils have an open choice of geographical topic for their assignment. | Higher introduces new topics and builds on N5 knowledge in greater depth.<br><br><b>Physical Environments</b><br>Atmosphere; hydrosphere; lithosphere; and biosphere.<br><b>Human Environments</b><br>Population; rural & urban environments.<br><b>Global issues</b><br>Climate change; Development & Health.<br><b>Geographic skills (mapping, research, graphical information)</b><br>Pupils have an open choice of geographical topic for their assignment, including opportunity to carry out an assignment based on field work in Edinburgh. | At Advanced Higher, pupils cover Geographic skills and Geographical issues in great detail.<br><br><b>Geographical Skills</b><br>- Complex map interpretation<br>- Numerical and graphical skills<br>- Statistical analysis<br>- Geographical data handling.<br><br>Two thirds of the AH course is based on a folio:<br><br>- Geographical Study (60 marks)<br>- Geographical Issue (40 marks)<br>-<br>The geographical study offers pupils the opportunity to plan and carry out detailed research, which could include fieldwork. |                   |                |
| How will the course be assessed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | How will the course be assessed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | How will the course be assessed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | How will the course be assessed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                   |                |
| The N4 course is assessed entirely through coursework. Pupils pass or fail based on unit assessments and an ‘Added Value Unit’ assignment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | The N5 course has two methods of assessment:<br>a) Final Exam – 80 marks (80%)<br>b) Assignment – 20 marks (20%)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Higher has three assessments:<br>a) Exam Paper 1 – 100 marks (45%)<br>b) Exam Paper 2 – 60 marks (27%)<br>c) Assignment – 30 marks (27%)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | The AH course has two methods of assessment:<br>a) Final Exam – 50 marks (33%)<br>b) Folio (study) – 60 marks (40%)<br>c) Folio (issue) – 40 marks (27%)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                   |                |
| Career Pathways                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                   |                |
| Geography is helpful for further education or careers in many different fields. Some directly related and many through transferrable skills like critical thinking, literacy, and research. Below are some examples of careers that are benefitted by the study of Geography:                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                   |                |
| Consulting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Climate Change                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Transport                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Policy Advisor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Events Management | Sustainability |
| Conservation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Town Planning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Architecture                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Geologist                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Teaching          | Human Rights   |