

## Student Voices - Promoting A level geography

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Are your GCSE students thinking about progressing to A level geography? It is often difficult for GCSE students to select the right A level source for themselves, as they do not know what will inspire them or how difficult a subject will be. Here are a collection of thoughts from current A level students currently studying in their A2 year of A level geography.

Laura has her own website and has applied to study wildlife photography at Falmouth.

Instead of just reading a headline in a newspaper or online, we are encouraged to look in depth at the whole situation, its cause, its effect and how it can be resolved. The subject is very eye-opening as well as informative. In our current topic, we are looking at strategies affecting food security and assessing how sustainable they are. There is something for everyone in these lessons, as the topics allow people to put forward their own points of view which lead to further controversial discussion. This subject works well with most other subjects, especially science. There is no longer coursework in geography A level but this hasn't been a problem as I have had coursework in other subjects'.

Geography is a subject which is diverse and interesting covering all sorts of topics, so there is bound to be areas of interest for everyone. It has enabled me to develop skills in research and fieldwork as well as in writing essays, skills which have been transferable to other subjects. I have enjoyed biodiversity and food supply issues the most, but I have been surprised at how many topics, which I wouldn't have thought would interest me, have really inspired me! This subject is very relevant on a local and global scale.

Darius has applied to study conservation at university, having spent several years in Australia.

Joe plans to join his parents in Australia and to study geography or geology there.

It is a very interesting subject. You look at global issues in depth under both human and physical aspects. It is advised that you enjoy both the physical and human sides of geography as you study both, fairly equally. I have developed my knowledge of hazards, climate change, migration, weather, hydrology and the economic challenges faced by globalisation. For me, geography goes well with geology, biology and sociology.