

# Epping Forest Field Centre

## AS / A2 Geography Courses AQA

At AS Students will carry out fieldwork to collect case-study material for Unit 1 (Physical and Human Geography) and to develop the skills that are assessed at Unit 2 (Geographical Skills). Unit 2 is a 1 hour exam based on the content of Unit 1 with two questions (both compulsory): a resource-based question and a second question based specifically on the student's own fieldwork. This programme aims to prepare students to answer that fieldwork question effectively.

At A2 Students will carry out fieldwork to collect case-study material for Unit 3 (Contemporary Geographical Issues) and for Unit 4A (Geographical Fieldwork Investigation). Unit 4A is assessed in a 1.5 hour exam, which may include questions on any stage of the fieldwork investigation process.

There is considerable evidence that fieldwork is a highlight of student's Geography A-level. Therefore, offering fieldwork experiences at AS level will help increase recruitment to A2 level. AS programmes also form a good base to build upon during an A2 field trip.

Choose from the range of Courses listed.

For more information or to make a booking contact  
Epping Forest Field Centre on 020 8502 8500.

Courses cost £26 per person (March to November) and £24 per person (December to February), subject to a minimum fee of £310 per taught group. Course content is for a day visit, typically arriving approx 9.30am, leaving approx 4pm. Tailor made courses, including half day activities are available, and changes to timings can be discussed.

The Centre's purpose built facilities offer superb opportunities for field study in the heart of Epping Forest.

All of our courses are led by experienced Tutors selected for their knowledge and expertise as well as their relaxed and friendly manner

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## AS

### **Rivers & Applied Geographical Skills –Units 1&2**

Students carry out an investigation on changing channel characteristics with distance downstream and consider how variables interrelate. By the end of the river investigation all students will have developed river fieldwork skills and have used different methods to collect data. This study will explicitly aim to prepare students for the AS Geographical Skills Paper – Unit 2 (Geog2). *Loughton Brook available September to April NB water levels early in the season can be very low. Debden Brook available throughout the year, needs transport all day.*

### **Human Environments & Applied Geographical Skills –Units 1&2\***

This study develops students' knowledge of the human environment. Students will use fieldwork observations to research housing and service provision, and secondary data on ethnicity, age structure and employment to build up a detailed understanding of this environment and how population change has impacted on the area.

The study will compare two local and contrasting areas- Debden and Loughton.

### **Flooding & Management & Applied Geographical Skills –Units 1&2\***

Students assess the flood risk posed by different land uses in a drainage basin, relating elements of the water cycle (such as infiltration rates) to river discharge and the likely storm hydrograph of a river. Students will also visit a case study example of river flooding and management, where they will be asked to consider the impacts of flooding and observe what can be done to manage a river where flooding is likely.

Fieldwork will take place on the Loughton Flood Scheme. Students will consider the causes and effects of flooding in Loughton in 1982 & 2000 and management solutions undertaken. Groups will need transport all day.

## A2

### **Succession, Fieldwork Investigation**

Students carry out an investigation across a succession ecosystem, sampling along a transect to collect data on vegetation, soil and micro-climate. Students explore how the environment is changing over time, preparing students for the Geographical Fieldwork Investigations Paper at A2

Other fieldwork opportunities for A2 are available. Please contact the Centre to discuss further options.

To book, or for more information call 020 85028500. Detailed programmes with objectives and learning outcomes are available from the outdoor classroom section of the website.

\*For these courses schools will need to provide transport all day for their staff and students and the tutor from EFFC