

Henley College Geography - the bigger picture



Freya Ruparel receives an offer from University of Cambridge

'I chose the Henley College because of its wide range of choice subjects and the freedom to independently study. I am now studying geography, philosophy and environmental science A-levels and am predicted A*A*A.

The variety of extra-curricular activities I have taken part in, including our college Amnesty International group and Student Union, have led me to pursue an interest in geography.

I recently gained an offer to study geography from the University of Cambridge, along with two unconditional offers and two conditional offers from Russell Group universities, and the opportunity to compete for Team UK in the International Geography Olympiad in Hong Kong during summer 2019.

I hope to pursue a career focusing on population and the environment to ensure a sustainable future for our planet. I have had a great time at Henley College over the past two years and it has given me the confidence to follow my ambitions.'

Eleanor Whittle studied A levels Geography, Biology and Environmental Science

Went on to do a degree in Environmental Science at University of East Anglia – now working for DEFRA





' Been accepted to do my masters in Migration at the University of Amsterdam! Now to celebrate by climbing Machu Picchu in the morning!' **Fiona Naismith**



James Moody

First class Hons Exeter now doing PhD at Sussex studying Geographies of Political Violence in Africa.

'This was taken in the Qadisha Valley in Lebanon. Between Bcharreh and the Cedars of God'

Holly Brown

'Hi Sandra, I'm sending you this message because on Wednesday I'm flying to New Delhi as part of the UKIERI Study India Programme. Also, the programme involves a trip to Dharavi – somewhere I've wanted to visit ever since I learnt about it with Emma (which I referenced a lot in my application). So; I wanted to say thanks to both of you for making me such an enthusiastic geographer, as it definitely helped my application!



Field trips

Atlas Mountains, Morocco



Christchurch Bay



The Geography Students studied coastal erosion and strategies to protect the coast while the Environmental Science students studied the conservation and importance of salt marshes in biodiversity and the process of ecological succession.

One of our Environmental Science students **Katy Taylor** said "The location was good; it had all the right conditions to allow us to the correct data for our investigation. The weather was good as well, with many geographical landmarks for what we are studying. "Katy studies A levels Geography, Environmental Science and Biology.

Lucy Ball added "Lovely day, beautiful setting and on topic with geographical sites as well as lots of wildlife and biodiversity ". Lucy studies A levels Environmental Science, Biology and PE.



Geology, Geography and Environmental Science students relaxing in geothermally heated Blue Lagoon- **Iceland**. We visited the Golden Circle - The double fall at Gullfoss was frozen solid; the eponymous Geysir area gave the world the name. We were privileged to see the Northern Lights a real bonus and staying in Reykjavik enjoyed some insight into living with geothermal roads and a great sense of the global reach of our course.

Environmental Science, Geography and Geology students went on a fieldtrip to the **Bay of Naples and Sicily**. The photo attached is on the top of Etna which was smoking away. **Maya Marcello** said "I had the most amazing time and every day was so exciting"

We saw Solfatar (sulphur and gas vents or fumeroles) on arrival in the Bay of Naples. The second day we visited the Pompeii Excavation in the morning and were amazed by the detail in which life



had been frozen in time by the eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79. Next we climbed to the crater of Vesuvius and were amazed that 3 million people live beneath the world's most dangerous volcano.

Overnight we crossed to Sicily by ferry the sea was described as "fierce" by the captain which gave us plenty to text home about! Zafferana was the next stop to explore the lava field created by the 1992 eruption and discuss the steps taken which prevented the eruption from reaching the town. Upwards to

Etna Sud and Cable car and 4x4 truck rides to the snow-capped summit in beautiful sunshine. The next day we went by hydrofoil from Milazzo to Vulcano and most students climbed to the crater of this stinky sulphurous volcano. Some students took the opportunity to bathe in the mud pools and others enjoyed the islands beaches harbour and amazing jellyfish.

On the final day we visited the amazing Alcantara Gorge an impressive area of basalt rock was created by the eruption of the volcano Monte Moio, Etna's most eccentric offshoot, around the year 2400 BC. The lava flow reached a thickness of 70 metres and is preserved as columnar jointed cliffs. Finally we went to the ancient city of Taormina and some students climbed up to the top of the

Monte Tauro. Taormina dominates two grand, sweeping bays below and on the southern side, the top of Mount Etna, offering breathtaking, dramatic and memorable views over almost one hundred miles of Mediterranean sea.