Why Geography?

Geography is a dynamic subject that is firmly grounded in the real world and focuses on the

The IB Geography syllabus is divided into three parts: the Core Theme, Optional Themes and a Higher Level Extension. In IB1 students will complete the Core Theme (Paper 1) of the course which focuses on the key global issues of our time, in particular poverty, gender equality, health and education and environmental sustainability , and will also start the study of the Optional Themes (Paper 2) which include Freshwater issues and conflicts, Oceans and their coastal margins, extreme environments, Hazards and disasters risk assessment and response, Leisure, sport and tourism, The geography of food and health, Urban environments. In their IB1 year, students will complete a field study that is required for internal assessment by the IBO and will count for 20% of their final mark for this course. This requirement is the same for both SL and HL

In an effort for a student's grade to reflect their most current and consistent level	Homework, case studies and tests	70%
of achievement, cumulative notes will be calculated throughout the year in the following manner	IB Internal Assessment	20%
(approximate breakdown):	In-School final assessment	10%

	SL	HL
Internal Assessment	25%	20%
Paper 1: 11/2 hours	40%	25%
Paper 2: 2 hours	35%	35%
Paper 3: 1 hour	-	20%
Teaching periods	4	6

Where can I find more information about the course?

Your teacher will provide you the Geography course outline. Please also feel free to meet with him at school or email him at nunesvilhena@gmail.com.

Where next?

Geography is not career-specific, but it is highly regarded as an established academic subject, which produces students who have been trained in the use of many key skills. Students who continue their geographic education post-18 will often decide to specialise at some stage in one aspect of the subject and eventually seek employment in that particular specialism. Otherwise, Geography provides an excellent foundation from which to launch into an extremely varied range of careers. Geography will give students wishing to follow a career related to international business, government/diplomacy, journalism or law, an in-depth understanding of the key issues and Health Optional Theme will be of particular interest to students wishing to study Medicine. Indeed Geography would be suitable Group 3 subject for any student wishing to follow a science-based career, as many universities will accept Geography as a Science subject.