

# Geography to Epping Forest—Year 12

As part of the A Level geography course the students are required to complete a number of fieldwork days covering aspects of both the human and physical units being studied. In addition, there is a need for students to further develop their knowledge and understanding of fieldwork methodology so as to complete their own 'Independent Investigation' later in the A Level course.

In order to achieve this we take students on 2 different field trips, the first of which was to Epping Forest Field Studies Centre on 14th March 2023, where, along with an experienced course tutor, they lead on the delivery of a fieldwork day looking at the 'carbon and water cycles'.

We continue to use the Field Studies Council at Epping because they are at the forefront of fieldwork planning and enable us to access the most appropriate sites in the forest itself. Their expertise helps our students consolidate learning and develop fieldwork skills in an environment that would be otherwise difficult to facilitate.

During these fieldwork day, primary data was collected enabling various analytical and presentation techniques to be developed back at school. It was an opportunity for students to try out different data collection methods and to spend time thinking about the important aspects of data collection methodology; all of which will be invaluable later on in the course when students are required to devise their own independent study investigations. Finally, visiting these locations in person hugely supports learning already carried out in the classroom.

