

GEOGRAPHY



Examination Board: AQA

Qualification: A Level

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Entry Requirements:

Grade C or above in GCSE Geography is preferred, but the course is also open to students who did not study Geography in years 10 and 11 in which case a minimum grade C in English and Maths is required.

Why study Geography?

A Level geography covers both the physical and human environments and the complex interaction of processes that shape our world. It will also show how human intervention affects the environment and how people adapt and mitigate the effects of processes on their environment. There is plenty of room for discussion and extended research which will help you become an independent thinker and learner.

You will learn in a wide variety of ways such as by using maps, GIS skills, data analysis, photos, videos, podcasts, as well as attending lectures and study days. You will be encouraged to frame your own questions using higher level thinking skills and showing your grasp of complex issues through report and essay writing.

Geography combines well with both arts and science subjects. You may already be thinking ahead to potential university and career choices so it is worth bearing in mind that geography is a broad based subject that really fits well for your future progression. Geography can lead to a wide range of careers because you will gain a good understanding of the world and the skills needed to interpret it.

Of course many A Level students do not yet have a clear idea of what kind of career they might want to pursue so if this is you then remember that Geography as an A level gives you the chance to keep your options open as it covers both arts and science components and is highly regarded by universities and employers.

If you are interested in the world and want to learn more about it then Geography A Level is for you.

What will I study?

In Year 12 course is comprised of four units:

Unit 1 - Physical geography



Water and carbon develops understanding of how the physical world operates and the fundamentals of life and energy on Earth. We look at how different parts of the world are dealing with climate change, for example in the Amazon of Ecuador. **Hazards** look at a variety of volcanic, atmospheric and hydrological hazards. You will gain an understanding of the origin and nature of these hazards and how people have adapted to living with them.

Unit 2 – Human geography and fieldwork investigation

In this unit you will develop an understanding human geography through **changing places** and fieldwork. This unit will allow you to understand how increased interdependence has transformed the relationships between peoples, states and environments. Geography **fieldwork** investigation will help you develop the skills people use to answer real life problems. We will develop these skills through residential trips.



At A2 course is comprised of three further units:

Physical geography- Hot desert systems **Human geography**- Changing places and contemporary urban environments.

What has been said?

'The teachers are very knowledgeable and passionate about their subject.'

'There is variety on the course and it is an interesting and relevant subject.' – Year 12 students.

