

GEOGRAPHY

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OCR

Entry Requirements	GCSE Geography Grade 6 essential, English and Maths at Grade 5 desirable GCSE APS of 4.5 minimum
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Brief introduction to subject:

Geography combines well with almost all other subjects. Although Geography has a unique suite of skills and knowledge, many skills and topic areas are transferrable and will actively support other subjects. The newly written specification for A level provides a comprehensive overview of many topics in geography and allows for a fast-paced, dynamic learning environment that will prepare you for life at university or in the workplace.

Progression to Career/ University Courses:

We currently teach the OCR specification at A Level, it is a dynamic course which explores the key principles, concepts and processes that allow us to understand the world in which we live. The course offers a balance between physical and human geography while ensuring relevance to the modern world. There are opportunities to undertake fieldwork as part of the course, currently a field trip is offered to London in Year 12.

Key Points:

Many students continue to study Geography at university. There are very few careers for which Geography does not provide a valuable background. Geography offers skills and knowledge that are directly transferable into many careers and subject areas.

Skills

Really useful, transferable skills are developed, including:

- Essay writing
- Time management
- Geographical and map skills including GIS.
- Accurate note taking
- Active listening

A post-16 Geography qualification is useful and relevant for many careers, such as:

- Management and Administration
- Leisure, Travel and Tourism
- Education, Professional and Social Services
- Business and Finance
- Environmental Management
- Scientific and Information Services

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Unit 1

Physical Systems.

Landscape System - **Coasts**,

Earth's Life Support Systems – **water and carbon cycles**,

Geographical Skills.

Assessment:

Externally assessed written paper: 1 hour 45 minutes.

Maximum Marks available:

Weighting: 24% of total A Level marks - 72 marks.

Unit 2

Human Interactions.

Changing Spaces; Making Places,

Global Connections – we will study one of either: **Trade in the Contemporary World** or Global Migration,

And one of either: Human Rights or **Powers and Borders**,

Geographical Skills.

Assessment:

Externally assessed written paper: 1 hour 45 minutes.

Maximum Marks available:

Weighting: 24% of total A Level marks - 72 marks.

Unit 3

Geographical Debates.

Disease Dilemmas,

Hazardous Earth

Geographical Skills.

Assessment:

Externally assessed written paper: 2 hour 30 minutes.

Maximum Marks available:

Weighting: 32% of total A Level marks - 96 marks.

Unit 4

Independent Investigation.

Currently undertaken through a 5-day residential fieldtrip to Devon, where specialist Field Studies Council staff are available to help undertake the data collection and analysis as part of the Independent Investigation.

Assessment:

Non-examination assessment.

Maximum Marks available:

Weighting: 20% of total A Level marks - 60 marks.