



A-Level Geography

Full course title and Exam Board	AQA Geography	Specification QR 
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Introduction	<p>Geography matters. It matters because it is relevant. Geography’s relevance stems from the fact that it can lie at the heart of government policy making, as well as affecting the way we live our everyday lives. It considers some of the most critical issues affecting the planet today, such as population growth and migration, hazard impact, globalisation and environmental degradation. To understand Geography is to understand your world.</p> <p>Geography’s strength lies in its breadth. It draws together just about all other subjects and explains the link between them all. It is the link between science and the arts and looks at key issues such as sustainability, interdependence and global citizenship. Universities and employers like Geography, as it provides you with so many useful and transferable skills; including analytical, statistical, presentational and research skills, useful in so many disciplines.</p>	
What is the course about?	<p>The A level geography curriculum enables students to explore the world, its issues and their place in it. Within this, they will be able to explore current issues of local, national and global importance in contexts specific to different parts of the world.</p> <p>There is a residential fieldtrip to Flatford Mill to study coastal geomorphology and defences as well as urban change taking place in Colchester.</p> <p>In recent years we have offered an optional trip to Iceland alongside year 11’s to study the landscapes, and see the processes in action.</p>	
How will I be assessed and what will I be studying?	<p>Physical geography topics: Water and carbon cycles; Coastal systems and landscapes; Hazards Exam: 2 hour 30 minutes. Worth 40% of grade.</p> <p>Human geography topics: Global systems and global governance; Changing places; Contemporary urban environments Exam: 2 hour 30 minutes. Worth 40% of grade.</p> <p>Geography fieldwork investigation. 3000-4000 word individual piece of written up fieldwork. Worth 20% of grade.</p>	
Current Text book	<p><i>AQA A-level Geography Fourth Edition</i> Publisher: Hodder Education ISBN-13: 9781471858697</p>	
Future Career Directions	<p>Geography is a subject that teaches transferable skills which help with many career paths and are highly valued in the job market.</p> <p>Geography is particularly useful for careers in: environmental management, international aid/development, logistics and distribution, market researcher, nature conservation officer, tourism officer, transport/town planner, cartographer, surveyor and geographical information systems officer.</p>	
Subject Entry Requirements	Grade 6 in GCSE Geography.	