

# A Level Geography



## Introduction

A-level Geography is a dynamic and highly relevant subject that explores the complex interactions between people and the environment. It combines scientific investigation with critical thinking, helping students understand how natural processes shape our world and how human activity influences global systems.

From climate change and natural hazards to urban development and globalisation, Geography encourages students to examine real-world issues, and engage with some of the most pressing challenges facing the planet today.

## What will I learn?

**Water and Carbon Cycles:** A study of how the flows of water and carbon are changing. How they operate as global systems, and how humans are being affected by the changing climate.

**Coasts:** A study of how our diverse coastline is being shaped by systems and processes. The landscapes that form and an evaluation of management and the effect of rising sea levels and climate change on our coastal world.

**Hazards:** Discover the cause and impacts of tectonic, meteorological and hydrological hazards. Analyse risk management strategies, and investigate case studies.

**Global systems and governance:** A study of how globalisation is connecting the economies, cultures and policies. Study issues around global trade, inequality and migration. Evaluate how it is having an effect on climate change and conflict.

**Changing Places:** A study of how people shape the natural and human environments. Comparing two contrasting locations and investigate how perception, identity and experience impact the representation of an area.

**Contemporary urban environments:** Investigate the cities of the world, and how they grow. Discovering the challenges these cities face and evaluate how sustainability is key for unlocking future urban environments.

## How will I be assessed?

Component	Type	Duration	Weight
Paper 1: Physical Geography	Exam	2hrs 30mins	40%
Paper 2: Human Geography	Exam	2hrs 30mins	40%
Coursework	NEA		20%

### Key Points

- The NEA (Non-Exam Assessment) is a student-led investigation where you choose your own question related to any part of the course, collect field data, and produce a 3,000–4,000 word report.

## Opportunities

We host a multitude of fieldwork opportunities and field trips. We have hosted trips to Iceland, Italy, Stratford and East Anglia.

Geography tackles current global challenges like climate change, migration, resource scarcity, and urbanisation.

## Other subjects?

Geography connects knowledge from science, economics, sociology, politics, philosophy and history, helping you think critically and holistically about complex problems. All of these would go excellently with the subject.

## Future Careers

Geography is a facilitating subject respected by top universities. It opens doors to careers in urban planning, environmental science, international development, GIS, disaster management, urban planning, data analysis, global governance, travel and climatic change. Sustainability is one of the up-and-coming career paths. So this is definitely a subject for the future.

## Course Information

Course Code - AQA 7037  
Examination Board - AQA