

Geography



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| Exam Board | AQA |
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| Qualification | GCE AS and A-level |
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| Entry Requirements | At least a C (preferably a B or higher, exam grades will be looked at for C grade GCSE Geographers) at GCSE Geography and a good overall GCSE performance |
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| Content (Outline of Course) | <u>AS level</u> | <u>Advanced level</u> |
| | <p><u>Physical geography</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water and carbon cycles 2. Hot desert environments and their margins 3. Coastal systems and landscapes <p><u>Human geography</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Global systems and global governance 5. Changing places <p><u>People and the environment</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Hazards 7. Contemporary urban environments <p><u>Geography fieldwork investigation</u></p> | <p><u>Physical geography</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water and carbon cycles 2. Hot desert environments and their margins 3. Coastal systems and landscapes 4. Hazards 5. Ecosystems under stress 6. Cold environments <p><u>Human geography</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Global systems and global governance 8. Changing places 9. Contemporary urban environments 10. Population and the environment 11. Resource security <p><u>Geography investigation</u></p> |

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| Assessment | <p><u>AS level</u></p> <p>Unit 1: Physical Geography and people and the environment– Written exam of 1 hours 30 minutes worth 80 marks or 50% of AS level</p> <p>Unit 2: Human Geography and Geographical investigation - Written exam of 1 hours 30 minutes worth 80 marks or 50% of A-level</p> |
| | <p><u>Advanced Level</u></p> <p>Unit 1: Physical Geography – Written exam of 2 hours 30 minutes worth 96 marks or 40% of A-level</p> <p>Unit 2: Human Geography - Written exam of 2 hours 30 minutes worth 96 marks or 40% of A-level</p> <p>Unit 3: Geographical investigation – essentially coursework of 3,000–4,000 words worth 35 marks and 20% of A-level, marked in school and marked by teachers then moderated by AQA</p> |

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| Careers Guidance | <p>Geography equips students with a range of skills which are highly prized and sought after by a variety of employers. These skills are essential to everyday life in the workplace.</p> |
| | <p>Geography can be used as a foundation to progress into either science or arts-based courses at university with many students opting to do either a BSc or a BA degree course in the subject.</p> |
| | <p>The range of career destinations is only limited by ambition. Geographers are highly regarded by employers owing to their broad knowledge of a variety of local, national and global issues combined with their analytical, presentation and communication skills.</p> <p>Careers in health, education, finance, the media, business, armed forces, environment, industry, travel, commerce and the public sector have all been pursued by geographers.</p> |