

PCHS Curriculum Information

Course title: Geography A Level	Exam board: AQA	Specification code: 7037
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How will students be assessed?

Students will complete two 150 minute exams. Both exams are worth 40% of their final grade. The first exam is based on Physical Geography where the second is based on Human Geography. The remaining 20% of the A Level qualification is taken up by the Individual Investigation which is a teacher assessed report written by the students based on the results of fieldwork undertaken in both Y12 and Y13. This report will be between 3,000 and 4,000 words.

There are some optional topics and the topics we study are:

Physical Geography – Water and Carbon Cycles, Coastal Systems and Landscapes and finally Hazards.

Human Geography – Global Systems and Global Governance, Changing Places, Population and the Environment

KEY CONTENT – Year 13 Schedule

Half Term 1

Carbon and Water Cycles

- The Water Cycle as a system
- Drainage basins
- Water Transport
- Storms
- Abstraction
- The carbon cycle

Half Term 2

Carbon and Water Cycles

- The atmosphere
- Carbon budgets
- Climate
- Case Studies

Global Systems and Governance

- Dimensions of globalisation
- Factors in globalisation
- Institutions

Half Term 3

- Global Systems and Governance
- Inequalities
- Geopolitical Issues

- Trade

Half Term 4

Global Systems and Governance

Case studies

- Global systems
- Antarctica

Revision

Half Term 5

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Half Term 6