

GEOGRAPHY A LEVEL

AQA A-level Geography will excite students' minds, challenge perceptions and stimulate their investigative and analytical skills. Geography is a broad based academic subject which will open up options for you in your future.

Employers and universities see geography as a robust academic subject rich in skills, knowledge and understanding. As a subject linking the arts and the sciences it is highly flexible in terms of what you can combine it with at A Level.

A Level geography allows you to go into greater depth in some key elements previously studied. It covers both the physical and human environments and the complex interaction of processes that shape our world. It will also, importantly, show the applied side of the subject - how human intervention affects the environment and how people adapt and mitigate the effects of processes on their environment.

There is plenty of room for discussion and extended research, which will help you become an independent thinker and learner. By the time you get to your exams, you will be able to show your understanding of a range of opinions and be able to illustrate your answers with case studies from local, national and international examples.

You will learn in a wide variety of ways, using maps, GIS skills, data analysis, photos, videos, and podcasts, as well as attending lectures and study days. You will be encouraged to frame your own questions using higher level thinking skills and show your grasp of complex issues through report and essay writing. Fieldwork will be an essential part of your A Level course.

It is split into three components:

- a) **Physical Geography** – *Water and Carbon Cycles; Hot desert systems and landscapes; Coastal systems and landscapes; Glacial Systems and landscapes; Hazards and Ecosystems under threat (Examined – 40%).*
- b) **Human Geography** – *Global systems and global governance; Changing places; Contemporary urban environments; Population and the environment and Resource security (Examined – 40%).*
- c) *Non-examined assessment (3,000 – 4,000 word coursework – 20%).*