

GEOGRAPHY - A LEVEL

Course introduction

The focus of the course is to encourage an enthusiasm for competence in Geography by using contemporary real-world contexts, from a range of specified spatial scales, and through engagement with the practical application of geographical skills and techniques in the field. This specification draws on both Physical and Human Geography, explores people-environment interactions and encourages development of fieldwork at the local level to enable learners to pose enquiry questions.



Entrance requirements

Students who wish to study Geography must have acquired a minimum of 5 GCSEs, or equivalent at 4-9, including Maths and English Language. It is usual for students to have reached at least a 4 grade in Geography Higher entry at GCSE but other talented Geographers who didn't opt for Geography at KS4 may also be considered. There will be a compulsory residential field visit for Unit 2 of the course. The students will be asked to pay for the cost of this trip

How the course is taught

Teaching will be in a variety of styles including group work, seminars and debating. E.g. Students will be expected to work independently and read around the topics covered. You will be expected to keep up to date with current issues by following current affairs on the television and internet and by reading quality newspapers.

Areas covered by the course

Component 1: **Physical Geography**

Section A – Water and carbon cycles

Section B – Coastal systems and landscapes

Section C – Either Hazards

Component 2: **Human Geography**

Section A – Water and carbon cycles

Section B – Coastal systems and landscapes

Section C – Either Hazards

Career opportunities

Geography equips you to move in several career directions, often combining your knowledge of human and environmental activity to work in areas such as town planning, travel and tourism or aspects of environmental protection. Logistics and distribution and international aid and development are also relevant career options. Others include working within local government departments responsible for transport and tourism, housing, environmental services and recycling, sustainability, regeneration and economic development. Jobs that utilize the analytical and research skills of human geographers include market research, law, finance and accounting.

How the course is assessed

Written examination

2 hour 30 minutes

120 marks

40% of A Level

Questions

Section A: answer all questions (36 marks)

Section B: answer all questions (36 marks)

Section C: answer either question 3 or question 4 or question 5 (48 marks)

Question types:

multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response, extended prose

How the course is assessed

Students complete an individual investigation which must include data collected in the field. The individual investigation must be based on a question or issue defined and developed by the student relating to any part of the specification content.

3,000 – 4,000 words

60 marks

20% of A Level – marked by teachers moderated by AQA.

