

Course Information



A Level Geography

What is A level Geography?

The world we live in is changing. This course allows students to see why and how it is changing through a variety of modules. This course can enhance communication skills, literacy, numeracy. IT literacy, spatial awareness, team working, problem solving and environmental awareness.

What does the course involve?

- Exploring a wide variety of current, topical human and physical themes such as water and the carbon cycle, hazards, coastal landscapes and contemporary urban environments.
- Developing investigative, cartographic, statistical and graphical skills.
- Completing a fieldwork investigation and learning geographical skills.

What themes are studied and how is it assessed?

Component 1—Physical geography

In this unit students will study water and carbon cycles, coastal systems, landscapes and hazards.

Written exam: 2 hours and 30 minutes—40% of A Level

Component 2—Human geography

In this unit students will study global systems, global governance, changing places and contemporary urban environments.

Component 3—Geography fieldwork investigation

In this unit 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.

Written exam: 3,000—4,000 words—20% of A Level.

Extra information

Lessons include the use of discussion, debate, group and individual presentations, use of media, film and music, fieldwork, seminars, private reading, role play, and research. All students are expected to attend lessons with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn about new areas of geography. They must complete all work set in preparation for and during lessons to the best of their ability. Students will be expected to take part in group fieldwork which will be undertaken on a residential trip prior to exams. This will require a voluntary monetary contribution. Residential trips can range from between £150-£200.

What next?

An A-Level in Geography opens doors. The skills developed are recognised and valued by all employers, universities and colleges. Geography combines well with maths and science subjects to create an attractive portfolio of qualifications. Students will find studying Geography is a brilliant step towards a wide range for higher employment opportunities, such as Advertising, Education, Environmental management, Finance, Law and many more.

For more information about the course or your suitability for it, please speak to your Geography teacher.