

	<u>GEOGRAPHY</u>	
	Qualification Level	A-level
	Exam Board/ Syllabus	AQA
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Why Study This Course?

Geography A-Level allows you to develop a thorough understanding of the human and physical world we live in. The course enables you to make links between different concepts and other subjects to have an insight into the changes that are occurring in our dynamic world. The course develops a wide range of skills including cartographical, graphical, statistical, numerical, extended writing, enquiry and ICT. The way the course is taught also offers you the opportunity to develop your spatial awareness, team working and problem solving skills. All of this means Geography links to a wide range of careers.

Course Content, Assessment Pattern/Structure

You will study a range of physical and human elements from the Geographical discipline. You will discover how your own actions can relate to the wider world, be it your local area or a country far away. There are three components to the course:

- **Physical Geography:** In this unit you will study a range of topics such as Water & Carbon Cycles; Glacial Systems and Landscapes and Geophysical & Atmospheric Hazards.
- **Human Geography:** In this unit you will study a range of topics such as Changing Places; Global Systems & Governance and Contemporary Urban Environments.
- **Geographical Investigation:** In this unit we will be carrying out fieldwork (4 day residential) and working on skills involving statistics and data interpretation. This leads on to the Independent Investigation, where you will complete a 4,000 word investigation into a topic of your choice which relates to the content you study in the A-Level course.

Exam Structure

Component Title	Assessment Information	Marks per Component	% Weighting of Component
Physical Geography	2 Hours and 30 minute Exam Question types: short answer through to extended essays (3 per paper)	120 Marks	40% of total A-Level
Human Geography	2 Hours and 30 minute Exam Question types: short answer through to extended essays (3 per paper)	120 Marks	40% of total A-Level
Geographical Investigation	3,000 to 4,000 word Coursework Report Students complete an Individual Investigation which must include data collected in the field	60 Marks	20% of total A-Level

Higher/Further Education & Career Links

A-Level Geography is a highly academic and practical subject covering a wide range of topical global issues and thus works well with a wide range of subjects: social sciences and humanities, languages, sciences, business, ICT, English and mathematics. This diversity can lead to a wide range of future careers. If you continue the subject into higher education geography graduates can be employed in a wide range of sectors, including the public sector, education, commerce, industry, transport and tourism. Geography graduates have excellent transferable skills (such as data manipulation and analysis, understanding spatial datasets, writing logical arguments based on evidence, working independently and in group scenarios, planning large projects and self-discipline in managing them), which also attract employers from the business, law and finance sectors and future careers can include meteorologist, pollution analyst, surveyor and town planner.

<i>Business & Innovation</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Expressive Arts & Languages</i>	<i>Humanities</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>PE</i>	<i>Science</i>
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