

	<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 the world. The course develops a wide range of skills including cartographical, graphical, statistical, extended writing, enquiry and ICT. Geography links to many other subjects and a wide range of careers.

Course Content, Assessment Pattern/ Structure

The world we live in is changing. Geography allows you to see why and how it is changing. It can enhance communication skills, literacy and numeracy, IT literacy, spatial awareness, team working, problem solving and environmental awareness.

You will study a range of physical and human elements to the subject. You will discover how your own actions can relate to the wider world, be it your local area or a country far away. You will study 4 elements in this including Geographical investigation and Geographical skills.

- Physical Geography: In this unit you will study a range of topics such as Water & Carbon Cycles, Glaciation and 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 and Geographical skills: 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 investigation(coursework element), where you will be 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

Exam title	Assessment Information	Marks per Unit	% of Weighting of Unit
Physical Geography	2 Hours and 30 minutes Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response and extended prose	120 marks	40% of total A-Level
Human Geography	2 Hours and 30 minutes Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response and extended prose	120 marks	40% of total A-Level
Geographical investigation	3,000 to 4,000 words 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 an 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 continued 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, 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>	Humanities	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>PE</i>	<i>Science</i>
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