
GEOGRAPHY

The Geography Department offers the AQA A Level course. A Level Geography explores the concepts and processes that explain geographical phenomena and landscapes. It maintains the balance between physical and human geography whilst ensuring relevance to the modern world and young people's lives.

Examining Board
AQA

Specification
A Level Geography 7037

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO THE A LEVEL COURSE

Please see the Sixth Form Admissions Policy for the entry requirements to this course.

THE A LEVEL COURSE

The course comprises three units.

UNIT 1: Physical Geography and people and the environment. 2 hour 30 minute exam (120 marks) 40% of the A Level

- Water and Carbon Cycles
- Glacial Systems and Landscapes
- Hazards

UNIT 2: Human Geography. 2 hour 30 minute exam (120 marks) 40% of the A Level

- Global Systems and Global Governance
- Changing Places
- Contemporary Urban Environments

UNIT 3: Geography Fieldwork Investigation

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

STUDENT VIEWPOINT

Many students take A Level Geography due to the range of skills they acquire, which are transferable to their other A Level subjects. Some of these skills are gained through fieldwork, which is considered to be a valuable learning tool and is integrated into aspects of the A Level course. This helps to broaden students' understanding and experience of the environment around us.

COMPLEMENTARY SUBJECTS

Geography is a science as well as an arts subject and therefore gives a balanced option at this stage. It can combine well with any subject in the Arts and Humanities but also the study of Science and Mathematics.

CAREER AND UNIVERSITY OPPORTUNITIES

Students who have studied A Level Geography have gone on to university to study Town and Country planning, Geology, Management, Accountancy, Veterinary Science and Medicine. A qualification in Geography provides a well-skilled background for any career.