

A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY



WHY GEOGRAPHY?

It's a subject that that is relevant and relates to the real world. It considers Physical and Human interactions to describe, explain and evaluate the world around us and how it is changing. As a result, it is the only A-level qualification that universities accept as a 'science' and an 'art'.

Geography complements and has links with many other subjects such as Science, History, Business, Economics and Social Sciences.

Examination board: AOA

Specification number: 7037

Assessment: two 150-minute exams, worth 40% each

Non-examined
assessment: 3000–
4000-word
coursework worth
20%

4 days of compulsory fieldwork

Entry Requirements:

GCSE Geography 5+
GCSE Mathematics 5+
GCSE English 5+

WHAT WILL I STUDY OVER THE TWO-YEAR COURSE?



<u>Unit 1:</u> Physical Geography

150-minute exam paper (40% of A Level)

A: Water and Carbon Cycles

focuses on the major stores of water and carbon cycles at the Earth's surface as well as human's increasing impact on them through climate change.

B: Coastal Landscapes and Systems

considers the dynamic landscapes that are found around our island and coastlines outside of the UK.

C: Hazards focuses on tectonic and atmospheric hazards and the potential risks they present to the human population.



<u>Unit 2</u>: Human Geography

150-minute exam paper (40% of A Level) A: Global systems and global

governance considers globalization and its driving forces which have shaped the global economy and society.

B: Changing Places looks at people's engagement with place and how these impact on their lives.

C: Population and the Environment

is designed to explore the relationship between population numbers and other keys aspects of geography.



<u>Unit 3:</u> Non-Examined Assessment (60 marks -20% of A Level) This is an independent investigation, including data collection which is based on a topic of the student's choice. This can be based on either human or physical aspects of geography, or a combination of both. This is marked by the class teacher and moderated by AQA.

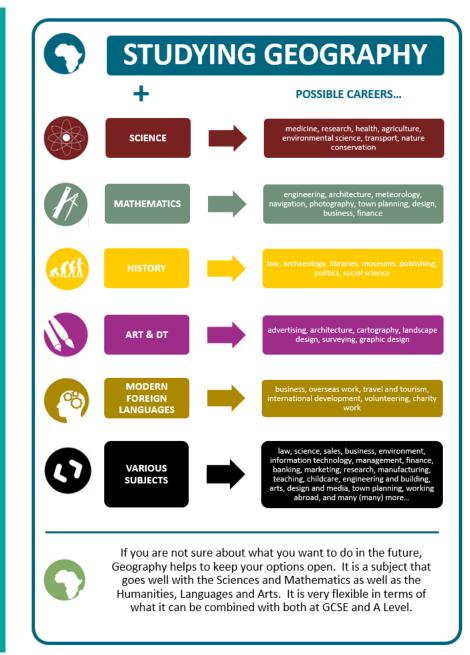


What skills will I develop? What careers could I do?

Geography gives you an insight into a range of practical, social, economic, and environmental issues. In additional to geographical skills such as fieldwork you'll develop transferable skills that are relevant to many jobs and careers. These include:

- * Communication including report writing, data presentation and essays.
- * Research and data collection
- * Numeracy
- * Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking such as evaluation and assessment.

strong employability and the wide range of skills developed are highly sought after by employers across various sectors.







What fieldtrips will I go on?

The course requires 4 days of compulsory field work, and we consider fieldtrips to be an integral part of learning at A-level. As a result, we go on several fieldtrips which reinforces classroombased learning. Our current fieldtrips include a river study, an urban study to Cradley Heath and a residential coastal investigation along the Jurassic Coast in Dorset.