

Welcome to A-Level Geography



Why should I study this course?

Studying geography allows for you to understand the different processes that have shaped our world both past and present. Human geography studies a variety of concepts such as development, the growth of urban areas and how we perceive the place we call home. Physical Geography broadens our understanding of how tectonics have shaped our world and how coastal locations are under threat from both physical and human processes.



What does the course involve?

We follow the AQA Examination syllabus which is a 2 year course with the main exams being at the end of Year 13. Students will study the following themes:

Physical Geography (Paper 1):

- ▶ Water and Carbon Cycles
- ▶ Coasts
- ▶ Hazards



Human Geography (Paper 2):

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

What does the course involve?

Students will also complete a fieldwork study that is worth 20% of their end result.

- ▶ Fieldwork study (NEA)
- ▶ Changing Places and Urban Environments.
- ▶ 4 day study collecting both primary and secondary data.
- ▶ 4,000 word write up.



Type of Assessment

Assessment objectives (AOs) are set by Ofqual and are the same across all A-level Geography specifications and all exam boards. The exams and non-exam assessment will measure how students have achieved the following assessment objectives.

- ▶ AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of places, environments, concepts, processes, interactions and change, at a variety of scales (30–40%).
- ▶ AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding in different contexts to interpret, analyse and evaluate geographical information and issues (30–40%).
- ▶ AO3: Use a variety of relevant quantitative, qualitative and fieldwork skills to:
 - ▶ investigate geographical questions and issues • interpret, analyse and evaluate data and evidence • construct arguments and draw conclusions (20–30%).

What can an A-Level in Geography lead to?

Lots of people with an A-level in Geography choose to go into the following:

- ▶ **Cartographer.**
- ▶ **Commercial/residential surveyor.**
- ▶ **Environmental consultant.**
- ▶ **Geographical information systems officer.**
- ▶ **Planning and development surveyor.**
- ▶ **Secondary school teacher.**
- ▶ **Town planner.**

What other courses does this compliment?

History, Business and Economics and Science.

