

GEOGRAPHY

AT ADVANCED LEVEL (A/S AND A2)

Our Course: AQA, Specification: A

Summary of Subject Content

A- Level Geography is a bridge between the Arts and the Sciences. It has something for everyone! Both physical and human Geography are covered in both years of study. Fieldwork is an integral part of the course, and helps the student to see how theory relates to the real world.

We will build upon what we have done at GCSE and introduce a number of contemporary issues. We aim to deliver an A-Level course which is interesting, fun and prepares our students well for university or the world of work.

First Year

AS: Paper 1: Physical and Human Geography 2 hours
Paper 2: Geographical skills 1 hour

Physical Geography

**Rivers, Floods and their Management
and one from:**

- Cold Environments
- Coastal Environments
- Hot Desert Environment & their margins

Human Geography

**Global Population Change
and one from:**

- Food supply issues
- Energy issues
- Health issues

Second Year

A2: Paper 3: Contemporary Geographical Issues 2½ hours
Paper 4: Fieldwork Paper 1½ hours
or Issue Evaluation from pre-released material
(2 months before exam)

Physical Geography

One or two from:

- Plate Tectonics
- Weather & Climate
- Ecosystems

Human Geography

One or two from:

- World Cities
- Globalisation
- Contemporary Conflicts

Aptitudes, skills or qualities you will need:-

Reasonable ability in both Mathematics and English GCSE is required plus an intelligent interest in the world around us and what is happening in the news. A willingness to read widely around the subject is essential.

Value of the subject for higher education and future careers:-

Geography can be studied to degree level as either a BSc (Bachelor of Science Degree) or a BA (Bachelor of Arts degree) depending on individual preference and skills.

Careers using Geography include Architecture, Town & Country Planning, Surveying, Hydrology, Marketing, Advertising, Exporting, Journalism, Hotel Management, Meteorology, Nature Conservation, Estate Agent, Freight Distribution, Air Traffic Control, Recreational Management, Market Research, Teacher/Lecturer and many more.

An A Level in Geography gives students well developed skills in research, ICT, graphical presentation and analysis, evaluating arguments and making connections locally, nationally and globally.