

A Level Geography

Examination board & syllabus: AQA

Minimum Entry Requirements: GCSE Geography Grade 5 or English Grade 5 if you have not studied Geography at GCSE

Course Outline:

1. Water and Carbon Cycles
2. Glacial Systems and Landscapes
3. Hazards
4. Global Systems and Global Governance
5. Changing Places
6. Contemporary urban environments
7. Geographical Skills
8. Fieldwork

Assessment:

2 exams at the end of Year 13, plus coursework

Physical geography – 150mins (40%)

Human geography – 150mins (40%)

Geography fieldwork investigation: 3000 - 4000words (20%)

Equipment required / Approx Cost:

Text books for the course (£40 total).

Fieldwork:

Year 12/13: Minimum four days of fieldwork including residential. Cost estimate £175-£200.

Fieldwork is a compulsory component of A Level Geography. We ask for a voluntary contribution towards the costs of all of these trips.

Independent Study Tips: Follow current geographical events when they hit the news. 5 hours independent work per week.

Higher Education Progression:

Essential for Geography degrees.

Valuable for a wide range of degree courses in both sciences & humanities subjects.

Career Opportunities: A Level Geography is useful for a number of careers, including, but not limited to, research, science-based careers, teaching and environmental-based careers. Having A Level Geography can be advantageous when applying for jobs in a variety of sectors, including environment and sustainability, physical systems, society, business, geographical techniques, development and global issues, settlement and travel, tourism, leisure and culture.

Useful Websites: www.aqa.org.uk