

GEOGRAPHY



How do you prepare for careers which don't exist yet and ensure you have the skills to deal with technologies which are not yet invented? Whether you are taking subjects in the Humanities or Sciences, A-level Geography adds breadth and global perspective to your studies. If you enjoy independent research and want to develop both written, numerical and investigative skills, if you relish doing practical work outdoors and if you find exploring and finding out about current events and new places stimulating, Geography is for you!

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is by the examinations outlined below.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You do not need to have studied the subject at GCSE in order to take A-level Geography. We have had many students who have wanted to try a new subject and have done very well starting Geography afresh. You should have GCSE Mathematics (Grade 6 or above).

LINKS WITH OTHER SUBJECTS

Geography bridges the Arts and Sciences and links with almost any combination of subjects including the Sciences, Economics, Languages and History.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A-level Geography is identified by the Russell Group as one of eight facilitating subjects which provide the best grounding for pursuing a wide range of career and higher

education opportunities. In Geography you will gain transferable skills that are in great demand by employers and universities, e.g. numeracy, literacy, ICT, research, presentation skills and the ability to work independently. Geography can give breadth and perspective to your studies. Alongside Sciences, you can apply for courses like Medicine, Engineering, Architecture and Geology. With English, History, Economics or Languages you can try for courses such as Law or Politics. Almost any course or career choice is open to you with A-level Geography.

COURSE CONTENT

Exam Board: OCR

All units are examined, except for 'Investigative Geography' which is an independent coursework investigation.

Year 1:

Landscape and systems

- Factors affecting landscapes: Landform development, Influence of climate change, Impact of human activity
- Earth's Life Support Systems

Changing Spaces; Making Places

- Two contrasting places at a local scale. How place is understood and represented
- Economic change and social inequality, with players involved
- Place making processes in creating places

The examination for this component will also contain Geographical skills and Fieldwork questions

Geographical debates

- Hazardous Earth

Year 2:

Investigative Geography: Independent Coursework worth 20% including fieldwork of your choice

Global connections:

Global systems-Global migration

Global Governance: Power and Borders

Exams:

Physical systems: (22%) - 1 hours 30 minutes

Human Interactions: (22%) - 1 hour 30 minutes

Geographical Debates: (36%) - 2 hours 30 minutes

Independent Investigation: (20%)