

Course Content

The A-Level Geography course is a 2 year linear course. Students will sit all their exams and submit all their non-exam assessment at the end of the course.

This Geography course gives you a strong foundation for understanding the two main themes of the subject: human geography and physical geography. Between them, they're what makes our planet tick.

Geography helps students develop a number of skills:

- Undertaking research and analysis
- Teamwork on practical projects
- Investigating global issues

Component 1: Physical Geography

Section A: Water and carbon cycles

Section B: Either Hot desert systems and landscapes or Coastal systems and landscapes or Glacial systems and landscapes

Section C: Either Hazards or Ecosystems under stress

Component 3: Geography Fieldwork Investigation

Students complete an individual investigation (3000-4000 words), which must include data collected in the field. The individual investigation must be based on a question or issue defined and developed by the student relating to any part of the specification content.

Component 2: Human Geography

Section A: Global systems and global governance

Section B: Changing places

Section C: Either Contemporary urban environments or Population and the environment or Resource security

Skills and Qualifications Required:

Students need to achieve a grade 5 in Geography at GCSE.

Students who take Geography find it goes well with Mathematics and any other Science or Art subject. This means Geography can either be your specialist topic, or play a supporting role for other subjects.

Assessment :

Each year you'll have two written papers to complete. In the first year, the paper on your classroom work gives 70% of your marks for AS, and the fieldwork paper gives 30% of your marks. It's the same format in the second year, but the marks change to 60% of the total for the classroom studies paper, and 40% for the fieldwork paper.

A Pathway To...

Anywhere on Earth! If you specialise in Geography at higher education (or use your Geography A Level as a stepping stone to study geology at university) you could find yourself doing things like charting oil wells or exploring rock formations throughout the world. And because geography is about the interaction between people and our planet, this fascinating subject is valid for a number of different career paths, like advertising, environmental management, law or social services.

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