

A LEVEL

GEOGRAPHY

Exam Board: AQA	Course Code: 7037
Entry Requirements: Average of grade 5 or higher across all GCSE exams including a minimum grade of 5 for English and maths. Grade 6 in GCSE Geography is required.	

Course Summary:

There has never been a better or more important time to study geography.

Geography helps you to make sense of the world around you. It's hands on, relevant, and fun. Whatever your passion for the world – fascination with landscapes or concerns about sustainability – geography will provide you with knowledge and transferable skills that will reward you personally and advance you professionally. A Level geography offers a selection of new, interesting topics not covered at GCSE level, and allows you to go into greater depth in some key elements previously studied. It covers both the physical and human environments and the complex interaction of processes that shape our world. It will also, importantly, show the applied side of the subject - how human intervention affects the environment and how people adapt and mitigate the effects of processes on their environment.

Skills:

Geography is one of the Russell Group universities' 'facilitating' subjects. This means that it is highly regarded by Russell Group universities (universities recognised as being some of the best in the UK and the world) due to its rigour, academia and flexibility in showcasing a wide variety of transferable knowledge and skills. Amongst many others skills, in studying Geography, you will gain:

- *Research skills:* selecting research questions, applying techniques and skills, and finding ways to analyse and communicate your findings
 - *Communication skills:* to produce arguments and to communicate ideas verbally and in writing as well as visual communication skills through using maps, graphs, diagrams and images.
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- *Data and geospatial skills*: qualitative and quantitative geographical skills, working with images, factual text and discursive/creative material, digital data, numerical and spatial data and innovative forms of data, including crowd-sourced and 'big data'.
- *Fieldwork experience and Teamwork*

Geography is an exceptionally flexible qualification and can lead you to any number of different pathways, both in terms of science, and humanities. The combination of science and humanities will give you the necessary practical and academic experience to excel in any university course or career.

Assessments:

Paper one: Physical Geography

Topics included:

- Water and carbon cycles
- Coastal systems and landscapes
- Hazards

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes

40% of A-level

Paper two: Human Geography

Topics included:

- Global systems and global governance
- Changing places
- Contemporary urban environments

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes

40% of A-level

Geography fieldwork investigation:

You will complete an individual investigation which includes data collected in the field. The individual investigation is based on a question or issue relating to any part of the specification content that you choose.

3,000–4,000 words

20% of A-level

marked by teachers

This course is suitable for students who...

Are hard working pupils

Are organised and independent, including students committed to wider reading and learning.

Students that are confident and independent thinkers that can complete extensive fieldwork.

Future careers:

Medicine/ Medical research, Law (especially human rights)/ Criminology / Psychology, Teaching/Educational Studies/ Lecturers, International relations, Environmental science/ Geography/ Geology/ Marine Biology, Archaeology/ History/ Palaeontology/ Climate science/ Meteorology/, Volcanology, Architecture/ Engineering/ Mathematics/ Urban Planning/ Surveyor, Agriculture/ Physical sciences/ Earth sciences, Journalism/ Languages, Business/ Strategists/ Consultancy/ Analysts

