

POST 16 SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Name of Subject - Geography

Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course? AQA A Level Geography

Why should I study this course? A Level Geography is an inquiry into our world and our management of it. The course balances human and physical geography and is perfect for students who want to know more about the world, the natural processes that create it, and the way that humans interact with it. If you frequently ask questions about why things happen in the world, this course is perfect. Throughout, we develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, and have a strong focus on enquiry-led learning and field study.

Who is suitable to study this course? Anyone who has studied Geography at GCSE level to grade 6 or above. You must have a passion for geography and a genuine interest in the world. The course also compliments many Science subjects. Students should have a love of problem solving and critical thinking, with a thirst for knowledge and understanding of the world and our place in it. The A level Geography course is highly regarded by universities and employers and is a gateway subject to many university courses, as well as a prerequisite for degrees in a geographical field.

What GCSE Qualifications Support the Study of this Course? GCSE Geography, English and Maths at grade 5 or above.

What are the Qualification Requirements for this Course?

We would expect GCSE Geography at grade 6 or above.

How is the Course Delivered? - We currently have two geography specialists who teach the A Level course. All are skilled in the delivery of human and physical A Level topics, as well as experienced in fieldwork, which is a key component of the course. Students receive 5 hours per week or taught content in Y12 and Y13, with the expectation that for each hour taught they complete a further hour at home. We make use of a range of online learning resources, including google classroom for submitting work online. Field study takes place through Y12 and Y13 locally, but also on a residential in the Lake District.

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Half Term	Year 12		Year 13	
Autumn 1	Changing Places	Hazards	Global Systems & Governance	NEA write-up
Autumn 2	Changing Places	Hazards	Global Systems & Governance	Glacial systems and landscapes
Spring 1	Changing Places	Hazards	Population & the environment	Glacial systems and landscapes
Spring 2	Water & Carbon Cycles	Geographical Enquiry & Fieldwork Skills	Population & the environment	Glacial systems and landscapes
Summer 1	Water & Carbon Cycles	Geographical Enquiry & Fieldwork Skills	Revision	Revision
Summer 2	Water & Carbon Cycles	Geographical Enquiry & Fieldwork Skills		

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How is the Course Assessed?

The course comprises 2 x 2hr 30 exams on the physical and human units respectively. These exams account for 80% of the final grade. The Non Examined Assessment (NEA) where students investigate an individual research question accounts for the final 20%. To facilitate this, students are invited to attend a week at a field study centre in the second summer term of y12.

What is our Recommended Subject Reading list to Support your Study?

Students should have a keen knowledge of global affairs and events and regularly watch/access news stories which link to global events. All students will be provided with an A Level textbook to use as well as a CGP revision guide. Articles from the Geographical Association are useful as is a subscription to the Geographical Review. Students should also make themselves familiar with the AQA A Level Geography website and the requirements of the course:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-7037>