

## POST 16 SUBJECT OVERVIEW

**Name of Subject** - Geography

**Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course?**

AQA (7037)

**Why should I study this course?**

Geography is one of the most important subjects in helping us understand the world around us. Whether it's the Human Geography or Physical Geography aspects, the subject has never been more relevant. Studying the A-Level, you will quickly realise there are some similarities in content to GCSE however, the course takes you much deeper into a range of theories.

**Human Geography** - From studying Contemporary Urban Environments we can see that the city is much more than a place with many people. Instead it can be seen as a complex ecosystem with inputs and outputs and as a living entity meaning it can grow, but also die. We focus more on the theme of place around us in Changing Places. This topic lets us recognise different feelings and understandings that we get from the same place. This topic is much different to that studied at GCSE and introduces us to use songs, poems, artwork etc as ways to gather information about a place.

We are also reintroduced to globalisation and study how people, products and money moves around the world. In this topic, we go on to study Antarctica as a Global Common.

**Physical Geography** - Water and Carbon cycles allow us to contemplate the magnitude and significance that these cycles have at a variety of scales. Within this topic, there are many opportunities to develop geographic skills. You will study coastal systems and landscapes and you will begin to appreciate how dynamic these environments are. This topic will further develop your skills and understanding of how people and the coastal environment rely on each other. In the Hazards topic, you will study how people are sometimes at risk from the lithosphere and atmosphere. These natural hazards can cause catastrophic damage, but if understood well, they can be managed to reduce their impact.

Geography is highly valued by universities as an A Level choice and, as a broad based subject, will keep more options open to you in the future.

The course will cover both the physical and human environments and the processes that shape our world. Students will spend time out of the classroom collecting data in various surroundings. For those studying the A-Level, there will be a residential consisting of a week away collecting data for the NEA.

### **Who is suitable to study this course?**

This course is ideal for any student who has studied Geography at GCSE. It is also suitable for those who are looking to gain skills and knowledge in the Humanities subjects. There is strong overlap between Geography and subjects such as Sociology, History and Religious Studies. Being competent in Maths and English will also be an advantage. The Geography A-Level is also valuable for anyone interested in further study at university due to the range of skills the subject helps students develop. After completing the Geography A-Level, students can not only go on to study Geography at Degree Level, but also other Humanities subjects. Apprenticeships are also another option students can take.

### **What GCSE Qualifications Support the Study of this Course?**

Having studied Geography GCSE will be an advantage. Students who have studied History or Religious Education will also find the transition to Geography A-Level smooth. Maths and English also support the study of Geography A-Level.

### **What are the Qualification Requirements for this Course?**

Students should ideally have studied Geography at GCSE and achieved a Grade 5 or higher.

### **How is the Course Delivered?**

The course is delivered by two members of staff. Each week students will be taught 2 hours of Physical Geography and 2 hours of Human Geography in a classroom environment. Some teaching will take place outside of the classroom due to the preparation and collection of NEA data. There will also be periods of time working in the computer suites writing up the NEA.

<b>Subject Overview</b>		
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Year 12</b>	<b>Year 13</b>

<b>Autumn 1</b>	Changing Places / Water and Carbon Cycle	NEA Data Collection and Write up.
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Changing Places / Water and Carbon Cycle	Global Systems and Global Governance / Coastal Systems and Landscapes
<b>Spring 1</b>	Contemporary Urban Environments / Hazards	Global Systems and Global Governance / Coastal Systems and Landscapes
<b>Spring 2</b>	Contemporary Urban Environments / Hazards	Revision
<b>Summer 1</b>	NEA Planning	Revision
<b>Summer 2</b>	NEA Data Collection and Write up.	

### How is the Course Assessed?

The course is assessed in the following way;

Paper 1 (Physical): Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes, 120 marks, 40% of A-level

Paper 2 (Human): Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes, 120 marks, 40% of A-level

NEA: 3,000–4,000 words, 60 marks, 20% of A-level

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

AQA Geography A Level & AS Human Geography Student Book by Simon Ross, Alice Griffiths, et al

AQA Geography A Level & AS Physical Geography Student Book by Simon Ross, Alice Griffiths, et al

Aqa Geography Exam Practice and Skills by Bob Digby and Tim Bayliss.

CPG A-Level Geography Revision Guide: Complete Revision and Practice.

Space and Place: The Perspective of Experience by Tuan Y.

Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps That Tell You Everything You Need to Know About Global Politics by Marshall T

