

POST 16 SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Name of Subject - Geography

Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course? AQA A-Level Geography (7037)

Why should I study this course?

There has never been a better or more important time to study A level Geography. Dealing with vital issues such as climate change, migration, environmental degradation, social issues and natural hazards. A level Geography is one of the most relevant subjects you could choose to study. The world we live in is changing rapidly. Geography allows you to see how and why it is changing. Our overall goal is to give students a better understanding of, and a lasting interest in, the world around us. It can enhance communication skills, literacy and numeracy, IT literacy, spatial awareness, team working, problem solving and environmental awareness.

Geography is a diverse and engaging subject that covers issues relevant to our world today. A range of technologies is used for areas such as fieldwork which can be undertaken on any area of the specification content.

The specification embraces contemporary Geography whilst retaining key elements of traditional Geography. The subject content follows an 'issues and impacts' approach throughout. It has a developmental structure which helps to facilitate progression through the course and beyond to link with the demands of higher level study.

Fieldwork and trips play an integral part of the course and the coursework (NEA) is usually based on the fieldwork that is undertaken during the course. This usually involves trips to both physical and human environments.

Who is suitable to study this course?

If you are interested in current affairs and geographical events this is definitely the course for you! The course develops a sense of place and belonging and allows you to develop your analytical and questioning skills. Students will need to be able to learn and retain substantial amounts of detail and recall it accurately in exams. Geographers can go on to study a range of higher level courses as the Geography A level is regarded as an academically sound subject which prepares you for the rigour of a university degree. Employment can also include:

- Education
- Advertising
- Surveying and architecture
- Law

What GCSE Qualifications Support the Study of this Course? GCSE qualifications in Geography, History or any other relevant Humanities or Social Science would be useful.

What are the Qualification Requirements for this Course?

There are no specific entry requirements for this course.

How is the Course Delivered?

The course is delivered by one teacher in year 12 and is split between two teachers in year 13. There are 5 lessons in year 12 and 5 in year 13. It is expected that students do a minimum of 5 hours independent study per week. This will be made up of exam practice, research, revision, projects, presentations, worksheets, background reading etc. Google classroom will be used to post assignments and it is expected that students will complete these assignments and hand them in on Google classroom.

| Subject Overview | | |
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| Half Term | Year 12 | Year 13 |
| Autumn 1 | Hazards | CUE and Global Systems and Global Governance |
| Autumn 2 | Hazards & Coastal Systems and Landscapes | CUE and Global Systems and Global Governance |
| Spring 1 | Coastal Systems and Landscapes and Water and Carbon Cycles | NEA and Revision |
| Spring 2 | Water and Carbon Cycles and Changing Places | NEA and Revision |
| Summer 1 | Changing Places | Revision |
| Summer 2 | Skills and NEA preparation | |

How is the Course Assessed?

All modules are assessed at the end of Year 13. The two terminal exams are worth 120 marks. The fieldwork investigation, which is completed in Year 13, is worth 60 marks. Two written papers each lasting 2 hours and 30 minutes and worth 120 marks each (40% of the A Level). Additionally, students complete an individual investigation which must include data collected in the field. The investigation will be worth 60 marks (20% of the A Level).

Paper 1: Physical Geography lasts 2 hours 30 mins, counts for 40%. This paper covers the main physical geography topics - Water and Carbon Cycles, Coastal Systems and Landscapes and Hazards.

Paper 2: Human Geography lasts 2 hours 30 mins, counts for 40%. This paper covers the main human geography topics - Changing Places, Contemporary Urban Environments and Global Systems and Global Governance.

Geography Fieldwork Investigation An investigative project which counts for 20%, in which you define a question or issue to investigate, carry out the fieldwork, and write a report of 3000-4000 words showing independent analysis, evaluation of data, presentation of data findings and extended writing.

Throughout the course, there will be continuous assessment through the Praising Stars Assessment Cycle. These will be a combination of teacher-set exams and past exam papers.

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

Website - www.geography.outwood.com

Text Books, Study guides and revision guides

AQA A-level Geography by Skinner et al (Hodder education) – core textbook

AQA Geography A Level & AS Physical Geography Student Book by Ross, Bayliss et al (Oxford)

AQA Geography A Level & AS Human Geography Student Book by Ross, Bayliss et al (Oxford)

AQA AS/A-level Geography Student Guide: Component 1: Physical Geography (AQA a Level Student Guide) BY Redfern (Hodder)

AQA AS/A-level Geography Student Guide: Component 2: Human Geography (AQA a Level Student Guide) BY Redfern (Hodder)

AQA AS/A-level Geography Student Guide: Component 3: Hazards: Population and the environment (AQA a Level Student Guide) BY Redfern (Hodder)

AQA AS/A-level Geography Student Guide: Component 4: Geographical skills and fieldwork (AQA a Level Student Guide) BY Redfern (Hodder)

New A-Level Geography: AQA Year 1 & 2 Complete Revision & Practice (CGP)

My Revision Notes: AQA AS/A-level Geography by Harris (Hodder)

The LRC also stocks a wide range of books and periodicals such as the Geography Review. We also encourage students to broaden their knowledge and understanding of Geography by reading Geofiles and Geo Factsheets