

POST 16 SUBJECT OVERVIEW

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Name of Subject - A Level Geography

Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course? AQA

Why should I study this course? - Geography is the study of the world we live in, its environments, landscapes and natural disasters, and the relationship between people and environments. Geography is a unique subject because it looks at both the physical characteristics of the planet and the social characteristics which tells us how we affect our environment and how the environment affects us. This subject gives you the opportunity to develop your research skills based on fieldwork investigations locally. Students will develop a variety of transferable skills including problem-solving and critical thinking, research, cartographic skills, graphical and data analysis including statistical skills. Students will develop a critical awareness of the appropriateness and limitations of different sources and statistical techniques.

Who is suitable to study this course? - Geographers develop transferable skills that make them highly sought-after by business, industry and universities. Geography graduates have some of the highest rates of employment because their skills bridge the gap between the arts and the sciences. The skills that geography students develop are welcomed by employers in any career path including law, emergency planning, tourism, environmental consultancy, politics, business, management, public relations, journalism, teaching, law enforcement and financial services.

What GCSE Qualifications Support the Study of this Course? A GCSE in Geography is preferred, however not essential. Students should have a GCSE grade 5 in English and Maths.

What are the Qualification Requirements for this Course? A love of the world around you, the willingness to learn and an enthusiasm for investigating the amazing earth we live on are essential.

How is the Course Delivered? - There are 5 hours of delivered lessons each week including a residential trip to provide the opportunity for data collection to support the NEA.

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Half Term	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn 1	Hazards	NEA

Autumn 2	Hazards	Global systems and global governance
Spring 1	Coastal systems and landscapes	Global systems and global governance
Spring 2	Changing places	Population and the environment
Summer 1	Water and carbon cycles	
Summer 2	NEA	

How is the Course Assessed?

This qualification is linear so students will sit all their exams and submit all their non-exam assessment at the end of the course.

Physical Geography: This is assessed by a 2.5 hour exam that accounts for 40% of the A Level.

Human Geography: This is assessed by a 2.5 hour exam that accounts for 40% of the A Level.

Geographical Investigation: This is a 3000-4000 word investigation worth 20% of the A Level.

AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of places, environments, concepts, processes, interactions and change, at a variety of scales (30–40%).

AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding in different contexts to interpret, analyse and evaluate geographical information and issues (30–40%).

AO3: Use a variety of relevant quantitative, qualitative and fieldwork skills

What is our Recommended Subject Reading list to Support your Study? - <https://sites.google.com/outwood.com/geographyrevision/home/a-level>