



Geography

Why you should follow this course

Geography is the study of relationships between people and the earth. This course looks at current events and issues and their impact on the environment. It is hoped you will realise the importance of decision making within Geography, and by studying Geography it will help you develop an awareness of the ethnic, cultural, economic and political diversity of human society.

Studying GEOGRAPHY gives you the opportunity to travel the world via the classroom...where will geography take you?

What will you cover during the course?

There will always be a balance of human and physical Geography. There is also a strong emphasis on field trips: to Carlisle to study urban change; to the Lake District or a coastal area to study hydrology/sand dunes; and a one week field trip to a Field Study Centre.



How will the course be assessed?

AS Examination: Summer 2017		
Comp 1	Written exam: multiple choice, short answer and levels of response 1 hour 30 minutes	80 marks 50% of AS
Comp 2	Written exam: multiple choice, short answer and levels of response 1 hour 30 minutes	80 marks 50% of AS
A Level Examination: Summer 2018		
Comp 1	Written exam: 3 x multiple choice questions, 2 x 6 mark questions and 1 x 15 mark question per section 2 hours 30 mins	102 marks 40% of A Level
Comp 2	Written exam: 3 x multiple choice questions, 2 x 6 mark questions and 1 x 15 mark question per section 2 hours 30 mins	102 marks 40% of A Level
Comp 3	Investigation 3,000 –4,000 words Marked by your teachers and moderated by AQA	60 marks 20% of A Level

For further information or advice please contact any member of the Geography Department.

**Examination Board: AQA
Qualification: AS & A Level**

AS COURSE COMPONENTS

1: PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY, People & the Environment

Section A: EITHER water and carbon cycles or hot desert environments and their margins or coastal systems and landscapes, or cold environments – Glacial systems and landscapes (40 marks)

Section B: EITHER hazards or contemporary urban environments (40 marks)

2: HUMAN GEOGRAPHY and Geography Fieldwork Investigation

Section A: EITHER global systems and global governance or changing places (40 marks)

Section B: Geography fieldwork investigation and geographical skills (40 marks)

A LEVEL COURSE COMPONENTS

1: PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY, People & the Environment

Section A: Water and carbon cycles

Section B: EITHER hot desert environments and their margins or coastal systems and landscapes, or cold environments – Glacial systems and landscapes

Section C: EITHER hazards or ecosystems under stress

2: HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

Section A: Global systems and global governance

Section B: Changing places

Section C: EITHER contemporary urban issues or population and the environment, food security, health and population ecology

3: GEOGRAPHICAL INVESTIGATION

You will complete an individual investigation which **must include data collected in the field**. The individual investigation must be based on a question or issue relating to any part of the A level course content.

What can you do when you have your qualification?

This is a very good and well respected academic A Level. The skills and information are very valuable to many future careers especially Law, Journalism, Publishing, Management or any other career which involves working with people such as Teaching, Nursing or Social Work. This is in addition to other more directly related areas such as Surveying, Geology, Economics, Planning, Geographical Information Systems, Environmental work, Oceanography and Marine Biology.