

A-LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

INTRODUCTION

Although background knowledge from GCSE is useful it is not vital for success at AS/A2 level. The course offers a strong foundation in both Physical and Human Geography and addresses many of the concerns and issues of today such as environmental problems and inequalities within and between Human Communities.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Many careers are open to geographers as the subject prepares them for the kind of work demanded of leaders and managers generally.

Geographers can:

- make a concise report
- handle data
- ask questions and find answers
- make decisions about an issue
- analyse material
- organise themselves
- think creatively and independently

Geographers are:

- good communicators
- spatially aware
- socially, economically and environmentally aware
- problem solvers
- good team players
- computer literate
- well rounded, flexible thinkers

Geography graduates are in very high demand by employers.

There are also some careers where geography will prove particularly valuable. These include the travel/tourist industry, Town and Country Planning, government administration, surveying and organisations dealing with the environment (Water boards, the National Parks etc). There are also a very wide variety of subjects which can be studied along with Geography at University so that there are almost limitless possibilities for geographers to follow their own interests.

AS LEVEL - AREAS OF STUDY

Unit 1: Physical and Human Geography

1. Rivers, floods and management.
2. Coastal environments.
3. Population change.
4. Health issues.

Unit 2: Geographical Skills

Skills include: investigative, graphical, cartographical, ICT and statistical. There is a requirement for fieldwork.

A2 LEVEL - AREAS OF STUDY

Unit 3: Contemporary Geographical Issues

1. Plate tectonics and associated hazards.
2. Ecosystems: change and challenge.
3. World cities.

Unit 4: Geographical Skills

Skills include: investigative, graphical, cartographical, ICT and statistical. There is a requirement for fieldwork.

AS LEVEL - ASSESSMENT

Unit 1: (70% AS/35%A2) structured short and extended questions, 2 hours.

Unit 2: (30%AS/15%) structured skills and generic research/fieldwork questions, 1 hour.

A2 LEVEL - ASSESSMENT

Unit 3: (30%) structured short and extended questions and an essay, 2 hours.

Unit 4: (20%) structured short and extended questions based on an advanced information leaflet issued by AQA Exam Board, 1.5 hours.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no specific entry requirements above the whole school requirements.

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