

Sixth Form Options

Geography

A Level Course - AQA

A Level Geography

"The skills I learnt throughout A-level Geography have been extremely useful, and I cannot recommend the course enough!"

Former A Level Geography student

"Geography really does open up a world of opportunities"

Former A Level Geography student

Whatever your passion for the world - fascination with landscapes or concerns about inequality - geography will provide you with knowledge and transferable skills that will reward you personally and advance you professionally.

Dr Rita Gardner, Director of the RGS-IBG

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

Why Geography?

- An academic facilitator subject
- Provides unique skills
- High graduate employment rate
- Relevant

Geographers are:

- Good communicators
- Spatially aware
- Socially, economically and environmentally aware
- Problem solvers
- Good team players
- Computer literate
- Well rounded, flexible thinkers

Physical Geography @ A Level

Water and Carbon Cycle

How should we respond to the threat of climate change?



What are the impacts of deforestation?



Coasts

How should coastlines be managed?



How do coastal landforms develop?



Hazards

What factors make people more vulnerable to hazards?



Is poverty the biggest killer in an earthquake?



Human Geography @ A Level

Global Governance

How effective is the UN?



What are the impacts of tariffs on global trade?



Changing Places

Why is Brick Lane so diverse?



How do places market themselves?



Population and Resources

How can Malaria be managed?



Do we have enough resources for a growing population?



Non-Examined Assessment in Geography

- 20% of A Level Geography is based on an individual investigation
- The question should be based on each student's area of interest.
 - It should include data collected in the field.

Examined Assessment in Geography

- Physical Geography Exam: 2 hours 30 minutes. 40% of A Level
 - Human Geography 2 hours 30 minutes. 40% of A Level

Support for students

Lessons

- Two experienced subject specialists
- High expectations

Prep

- Access to three textbooks for support during lessons and at home
- Access to tutor2u notes and geo-factsheets

Wider reading

- Access to Geography Review online archive
- Guest speakers and lectures

Year 12 Students



Fieldwork in Geography

- Residential visit to Swanage
- A day trip to Brick Lane
- Local fieldwork in Harpenden
- Trip to Iceland







Why Geography?

You are passionate to learn more about pressing environmental issues, such as the climate emergency, extinction crisis, economic inequalities and social injustices.

You want to make a difference and bring about positive change. Geography can give you the critical skills and thinking to help you make that difference, empowering you to respond to issues that concern you and concern the world.

Many geographers go on to further studies, for example a professional qualification (e.g. a Law conversion course), a Masters degree, PhD or a Postgraduate Certificate in Education.

Geography also opens up top professional jobs in business, teaching, marketing, town planning and construction, and human resources

A Level Geography

"Geography is part of everything, history, politics, culture as well as climate change and the environment - no other subject sets you up for the challenges of today like Geography."

Fundraising Manager for an NGO called Ethiopiaid Former A Level Geography student

"I never realised when studying for A Levels how useful what I was learning would be in future, or how many different opportunities geography would lead me to."

Manager for a charity called The Gatsby Foundation
Former A Level Geography student