



# A Level Geography

## Why study Geography?

The world as we know is changing rapidly and Geography gives us the tools to see how and why these changes are occurring and the solutions to adapt to them.

Geography combines the art and science subjects to provide a broad based, flexible subject that develops skills that are an asset to any future progression, whether university or the work place.

## What is the course structure?

### A Level Examination

#### **Component 1: Physical Geography**

*(2 hours 30 minutes exam, 40% of A Level)*

- **Divided into 3 physical geography topics:**
- Water and carbon cycles.
- Coastal systems.
- Hazards

#### **Component 2: Human Geography**

*(2 hour 30 minutes exams, 40% of A Level)*

- **Divided into 3 human geography topics:**
- Global systems and global governance.
- Changing places.
- Contemporary urban environments.

#### **Component 3: Geographical Investigation**

*(3-4,000 words, 20% of A level)*

- **Individual investigation involving answering a question relating to any part of the specification.**
- **Data collection.**

## Which activities will I be engaged in during the course?

- Debate and discussion
- Interpreting and analysing data sources
- Compulsory fieldwork investigation (visit – location TBC.) – data collection, presentation and interpretation
- Research and presentations
- Critical thinking and evaluating

## How can I prepare for the course?

To aid you through the study of A Level Geography, please consult the table below. We expect this preparation to be completed prior to your first lesson in September 2021.

<b>Preparation</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Resource(s)</b>
Geographical Skills	Work your way through the outlines and examples in this booklet to familiarise yourself with the geographical skills needed for both Units 1 and 2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unit 2 Geographical Skills booklet (or electronic version on the VLE)</li></ul>
Field trip (Location TBC.)	Book your place on the <b>compulsory</b> residential fieldtrip to aid work for A Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Field trip letter</li></ul>
Equipment	Make sure you are prepared for each lesson.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Large A4 ring binder</li><li>• Pad of lined, margined A4 paper</li><li>• Assortment of pens and pencils, ruler, rubber and highlighters</li><li>• Calculator</li></ul>

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