

A level Geography

What board do we do? Edexcel , AQA

What is Geography?

Do you have an enquiring mind? Are you interested in understanding the world around you? Then Geography A level may be for you. It is not a requirement to have studied Geography at GCSE in order to take an AS or A2 course in the subject; however, a willingness to explore theories and learn new ideas is essential. Geography is a dynamic and relevant subject for all young people. The four unit geography specification is rooted in academic theory with the advantage of a contemporary twist. Students will learn about their place in the world and their responsibilities in terms of the environment and the sustainability of the planet as well as to other people. Change is a key theme in geography. Geography is about examining physical and human processes, monitoring change, identifying consequences and suggesting how best to manage new situations. Its unique strength is its focus on places and often complex processes that form and change locations. Geographers have a particularly broad interest in the perceptions of a huge range of different players in changing situations. The geographical skills that students learn along the way equip them with a broad range of personal learning and thinking skills such as team work, independent enquiry and creative thinking – all highly valued by employers and universities. Students are encouraged to read the broadsheet newspapers and keep up to date with current affairs and world events

What careers and University courses can Geography lead to?

Specialist careers in geography: Development (aid agencies, charities, Diplomatic Service, British Council); Ecosystems and the Environment (environmental consultancy for a TNC, National Trust); Land and Water Processes (hydrologists, civil engineering' British Antarctic survey); Maps with Computing (cartographers, GIS geographical Information Systems including satellite imagery); Non specialist careers: advertising, PR, Law, Accountancy. Previous students have gone on to study Geography, Environmental I Science, Law and Economics. **Geography related careers advice:** www.geography.org

Book List AS & Intensive

- A-level Study Guide, AS and A2 in One Book: Geography (Chris Burnett)
ISBN: 0582431719
- Food and Famine; Micheal Witherwick and Sue Warn; Phillip Allan ISBN 978-0-340-99182-4