



## SUBJECT: Geography A Level

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<b>SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT:</b> <p>Geography is a broad based subject that can be successfully combined with any of the others on offer at A Level. It provides both excellent preparation for the independent learning required at university and the wider skills sought by employers. Geography covers some of the big issues faced by the world that will impact on your life and it allows you to apply knowledge and understanding from other subjects to what is really happening.</p> <p>Through the two years of the course students study a wide range of geographical topics with a clear focus on synopticity across the themes. Some examples are: global systems and governance; water and carbon cycles; changing places; coastal systems, population and environment; geographical skills fieldwork.</p>	<b>WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?</b> <p>Geography is a broad and dynamic subject that is firmly grounded in the real world. It helps to explain the similarities and differences between spaces and places across a variety of scales and perspectives. Geography inspires students to examine key local, national and global issues appreciating our shared responsibility as citizens of an increasingly interconnected world</p> <b>SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES:</b> <p>An interest in the world around you is essential, wider reading and keeping up to date with current geographical issues in the news will be encouraged. Useful websites include:</p> <p><a href="http://www.geographyinthenews.rgs.org/">http://www.geographyinthenews.rgs.org/</a> <a href="http://www.rgs.org/">http://www.rgs.org/</a> <a href="http://www.juicygeography.co.uk/">http://www.juicygeography.co.uk/</a> <a href="http://www.geographypages.co.uk/">http://www.geographypages.co.uk/</a></p>
<b>HOW IS IT ASSESSED?</b> <p>Two equally weighted exams will provide 80% of the marks divided equally between Physical and Human topics. In addition, a piece of coursework will also be submitted accounting for 20% of the total A Level mark. There is a compulsory requirement for fieldwork to be undertaken in both urban and rural areas.</p>	<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES</b> <p>Students must complete four days of primary data collection as part of the A Level course. They are offered the opportunity to go on a week-long residential fieldtrip to a UK Field Studies Centre. This is a compulsory aspect of the course as it allows students to collect data and reinforces topics studied in the classroom.</p>

	<p><b>SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p>In addition to the Sixth Form matriculation requirements, students must have at least one GCSE grade 6 or above in Geography. Students learn how to apply statistical tests and therefore confidence in Mathematics is necessary.</p>
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