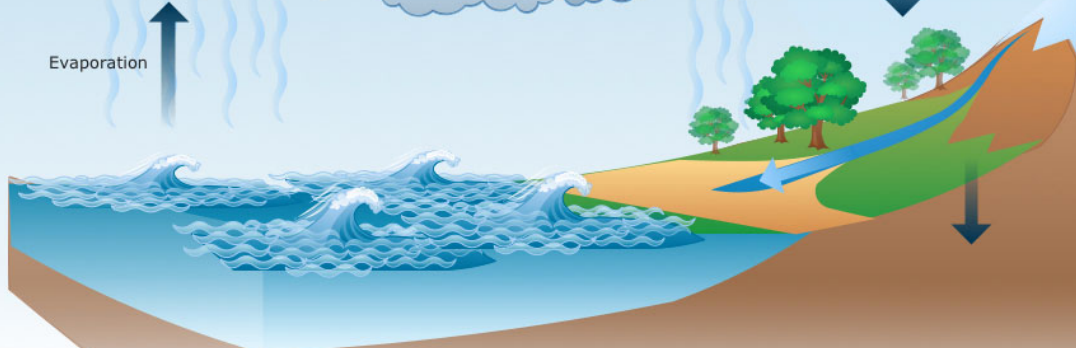


# Geography

ACADEMIC  
& APPLIED



**AS Level / A Level** Course Leader: **Mr R Clemens**

## Entry requirements

- Level 6 or above in GCSE Geography, although if you gained a Level 5 or you didn't study Geography at GCSE you would be considered through consultation. A minimum of a Level 4 in GCSE maths would be advantageous
- An interest in the world around us and the management of global problems
- The drive to be an independent worker and to develop a range of skills in data collection, interpretation and evaluation

## Why choose this course?

A Level Geography allows you to understand the world around you. Whether you are interested in physical concepts such as global warming or coastal flooding or human concepts like resource consumption or population growth. Geography combines well with both the sciences like Biology and Maths or the arts subjects like Sociology and Politics. You will understand how and why issues occur, the problems that they create and how they can be sustainably managed. Geographers work at different scales from looking at local issues to national and global situations.

The skills you will develop include data collection, analysis and evaluation. You will take part in decision making exercises, construct arguments and draw conclusions. These skills are highly regarded in a wide variety of careers.

## Web Links

[www.geography.org.uk](http://www.geography.org.uk)

[www.geographyjobs.co.uk](http://www.geographyjobs.co.uk)

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## Course content

### What does the course involve?

#### **AS Level - Two exams of 1 hour and 30 minutes**

##### **Component 1: Physical Geography and People and the environment**

This is worth 50% of the AS qualification.

Section A: includes: Water and Carbon cycles and Coastal systems and landscapes.

Section B: includes either Hazards or Contemporary urban environments.

##### **Component 2: Human Geography and Geography fieldwork investigation**

This is worth 50% of the AS qualification and includes 2 days of compulsory fieldwork.

Section A: Changing places.

Section B: Fieldwork skills.

#### **A level - Two exams of 2 hours and 30 minutes plus one individual fieldwork investigation**

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

This is worth 40% of the A Level qualification.

Section A: Water and Carbon cycles.

Section B: Coastal systems and landscapes.

Section C: Hazards or Ecosystems under stress.

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

This is worth 40% of the A Level qualification.

Section A: Global systems and Global governance.

Section B: Changing places.

Section C: Contemporary urban environments or Population and the environment or Resource security.

##### **Component 3: Geography fieldwork Investigation**

This is worth 20% of the A Level qualification and includes 4 days of compulsory fieldwork.

You must complete a 3000 to 4000 word investigation based on a question or issue related to one of your fieldwork days.

## Possible career pathway

Geography graduates have a world of opportunities in front of them. Recent geography graduates enjoy careers in government, civil engineering, oceanology, city planning, law, weather forecasting, diplomacy, resource exploitation and environmental management.