

# Geography



**Subject to Change**

**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?

Inquisitive about your planet? Want to be able to make informed decisions? A Level Geography allows you to understand the world around you. Whether you are interested in physical concepts such as global warming and coastal flooding or human concepts like resource consumption and 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. Such as how has globalisation affected peoples lives in different places around the world. Also consider how can we reduce the effects of earthquakes to ensure people are better protected.. 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 as part of your fieldwork experience and project. 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

<https://www.rgs.org/choose-geography/choose-geography-at-school/at-a-level#:~:text=A%20Level%20geography%20offers%20a,processes%20that%20shape%20our%20world.co.uk>

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## Course

### What does the course involve?

#### A level - Three exams of 2 hours and 15 minutes plus one individual fieldwork investigation

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

This is worth 30% of the A Level qualification.

##### **Section A: Tectonics.**

Why are some locations more at risk? Why do some tectonic hazards develop into disasters? How successful is the management of tectonic hazards and disasters?

##### **Section B: Coasts.**

Why are coastal landscapes different and what processes cause these differences? How do characteristic coastal landforms contribute to coastal landscapes? How do coastal erosion and sea level change alter the physical characteristics of coastlines and increase risk?

##### **Section C: Water & Carbon cycles.**

What processes operate in the hydrological cycle? What factors influence the hydrological system? How does water insecurity occur and why is it an issue? How does the carbon cycle operate to maintain planetary health? What are the consequences of our increasing demand for energy? How are the carbon and water cycles linked to global climate?

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

This is worth 30% of the A Level qualification.

##### **Section A: Globalisation & Superpowers.**

What is the cause of globalisation and why has it accelerated? What are the impacts of globalisation on countries, people, culture and the environment? What are the consequences of globalisation for development? What are superpowers and have they changed over time? What are the impacts of superpowers on economic, political and physical systems? What spheres of influence are contested by superpowers?

##### **Section B: Regenerating places.**

How and why do places vary? Why is regeneration needed? How is regeneration managed and is it successful?

##### **Section C: Migration identity and Sovereignty.**

What are the impacts of globalisation on international migration? How are nation states defined and how have they evolved? What are the impacts of global organisations on global issues and conflicts? What are the national threats to national sovereignty in a more globalised world?

##### **Component 3: Synoptic Themes**

This is worth 20% of the A Level qualification of the A Level Based on a resource booklet which contains information on a geographical issue.

##### **Component 4: Geography fieldwork Investigation (NEA)**

This is worth 20% of the A Level qualification and includes 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.

*Note: This is our current offer which is subject to change*