

GEOGRAPHY A LEVEL

Course Content
Unit 1: Physical Systems Unit 2: Human Interactions Unit 3: Geographical Debates Unit 4: Investigative Geography
A Compulsory 3 day residential field trip to North Wales is part of this unit. There will be further one day trips to complement various areas of study.
Assessment
A level: 3 papers and 1 Non Examination Assessment (Independent Investigation).
Unit 1: Physical Systems - 1h45, 24% of total A Level marks. Unit 2: Human Interactions - 1h45, 24% of total A Level marks. Unit 3: Geographical Debates - 2h30, 32% of total A Level marks.
Unit 4: NEA (non-examination assessment) Independent Investigation - 20% of total A level.
Within the question papers for the components Physical systems (Unit 1) and Human interactions (Unit 2) there will be a combination of short answer questions which carry a low tariff, medium length questions of 8 marks and higher tariff extended response questions of 18 marks.
Within the question paper for Geographical debates (Unit 3) there will be a combination of medium length questions of 10 marks and extended response questions of 38 marks.
Progression
Geography integrates a number of subject areas and can be usefully combined with Science subjects, e.g. Biology, Maths, Computer Science, Physics or Chemistry; Arts subjects, e.g. Economics, Sociology, Philosophy, History.
Degree courses such as Environmental studies, Geology, Engineering, Business Studies, Politics and Law. Careers where Geography A Level is an important qualification for Surveying, Banking, Teaching, Leisure and Recreation work, Landscape Architecture, Agriculture and Town Planning.
Teaching and Learning and Assessment
All students will study human and physical geography topics. In each area of study students will consider their own values and attitudes to the issues being studied and will support their learning of ideas through the study of specific case studies.
Students will also develop a variety of geographical skills, which will broaden and deepen existing knowledge and allow them to work with a greater degree of independence. There are four units to complete over the two years.
Entry Requirements
Grade 5 GCSE Geography
Examination Board
OCR
Further Details
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