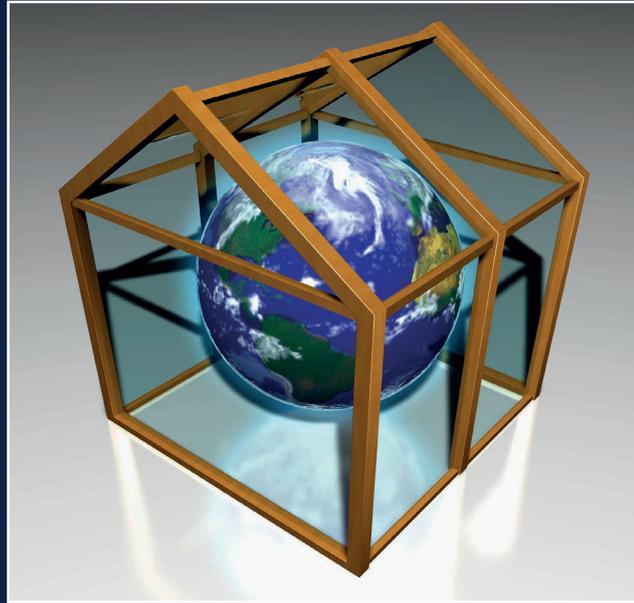


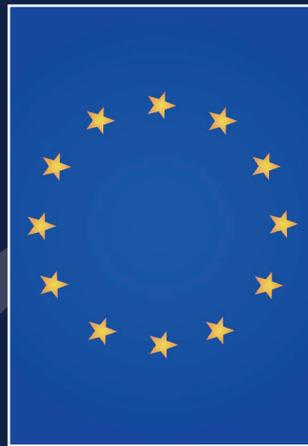


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AQA A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW OR BE ABLE TO DO BEFORE TAKING THIS COURSE?

There are no prerequisites to doing A Level Geography. You do not need to have studied Geography at GCSE, though it will obviously be a massive help. You must have a good pass in GCSE English as the examination will take into account the quality, clarity and expression of written work. Most importantly, an interest in geography is essential.

HOW DOES GEOGRAPHY FIT IN WITH MY OTHER SUBJECTS AND MY FUTURE?

Geography combines well with both arts and science subjects. You may already be thinking ahead to potential university and career choices so it is worth bearing in mind that geography is a broad based subject that really fits well for your future progression. For example, for careers in sustainability and green issues, urban regeneration, energy supply, retail location, managing the effects of hazards and climate change, geography is an obvious choice.

For careers in the world of business, an understanding of global economics forms an important part of geography. If you are thinking of a career in law, human rights, international relations or welfare then geography gives you the opportunity to consider relevant issues such as; *How do we measure development? What are the consequences of migration on societies?*

If you are working towards a future course in medicine or veterinary medicine then geography is a good choice to give your A Level options the breadth that universities seek, as you will gain a clear understanding of how the environment affects health and survival of people, animals and ecosystems as well as enhancing your skills of writing essays and extended reports.



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WHAT TOPICS DO WE STUDY?

Examination Board: AQA

Paper 1: Physical Geography

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
- 120 marks
- 40% of A-level

Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response and extended prose

Section A: Water and carbon cycles

Section B: either Hot desert systems and landscapes or Glacial systems and landscapes

Section C: Hazards

Paper 2: Human Geography

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
- 120 marks
- 40% of A-level

Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response and extended prose

Section A: Global systems and global governance

Section B: Changing places

Section C: Population and the environment

Component 3: Geography fieldwork investigation

- 3,000–4,000 words
- 60 marks
- 20% of A-level
- marked by teachers
- moderated by AQA

Students complete an individual investigation which must include data collected in the field. The individual investigation must be based on a question or issue defined and developed by the student relating to any part of the specification content.

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