



GEOGRAPHY A Level AQA (7037)

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The Guardian



Geography is highly valued by universities and employers. It is an academic subject which pulls together essential skills like researching, problem solving, using computers, analysing, analysing and evaluating.

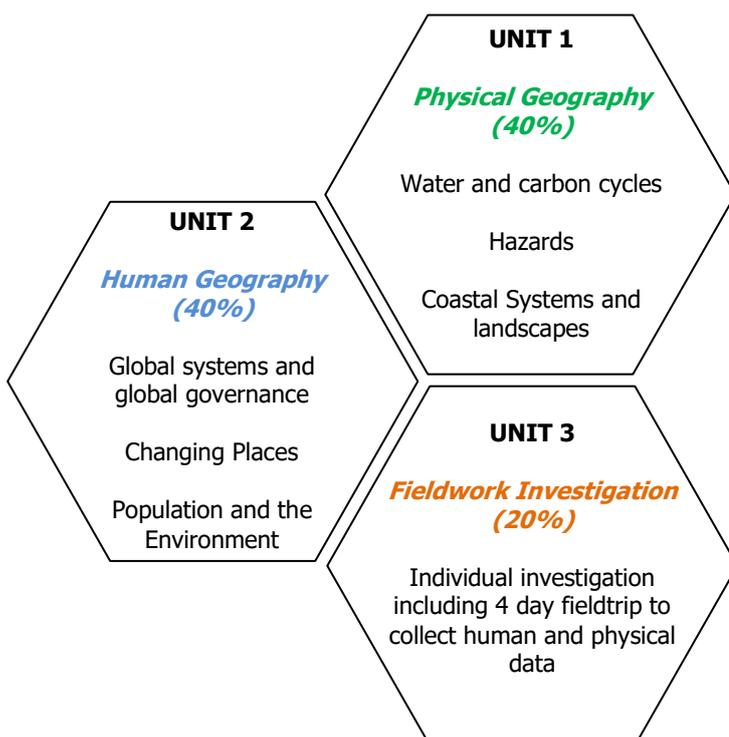
In this linear course, two terminal unit examinations (Unit 1 & 2) are taken at the end of the two year course while Unit 3 is assessed via the submission of a 3000-4000 word piece of coursework.

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The Times Educational Supplement

The key skills you will be able to develop during this course are:

- Informed and substantiated decision making skills
- Developing foresight and future planning
- Data analysis, interpretation and evaluation
- Problem solving and lateral thinking
- Spatial thinking and interdependence
- Understanding complex interrelated issues centred on sustainability
- Teamwork and leadership
- Independent learning and research skills
- Information technology
- Effective communication skills



Students to reach their full potential

Overview of the course

The course builds upon the knowledge, understanding and skills developed in KS3 and GCSE. It includes contemporary issues such as global hazards (such as tropical storms), the carbon cycle (how human impact on stores of carbon and resultant impacts on climate change), global systems and global governance (globalisation, the tragedy of the 'Commons' and threats to pristine environments like Antarctica). This course gives students opportunities to:

- actively engage in the process of geography to develop as effective and independent learners, and as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds
- develop their knowledge and understanding of geographical concepts and appreciate the relevance of these concepts to our changing world
- develop a framework of spatial awareness in which to appreciate the importance of the location of places and environments from local to global
- appreciate the differences and similarities in people's views of the world and its environments, societies and cultures
- understand the significance of values and attitudes to the development and resolution of issues
- develop their responsibilities as global citizens and recognise how they can contribute to a future that is sustainable and inclusive

Fieldwork opportunities

Independent fieldwork is integral to the course and will involve a four day field-trip focussing on both human and physical geography. Students will collect a variety of data for their Unit 3 investigation.

Career and academic opportunities - what does the Future Hold?

Both employers and academic institutions value geography and the skills it develops. Of course, many of you use geography as a way of showing your general ability. In this way, it is a good general qualification and can lead to employment in most types of jobs and can help you qualify for entrance to many further courses at university.

All good universities and post-18 institutions look upon geography as a subject that links the arts and sciences, as such it opens up a wide range of higher education and career opportunities; it does not force you to make an early commitment.

Looking beyond A Level, geography combines well with almost all other A Level subjects. Taken with sciences like mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology, geography supports applications for almost any science-based university course like engineering, psychology, environmental sciences and geology; taken with humanities like English, French, history or economics, Geography supports an equally wide range of university courses such as business, law, media, politics and philosophy.

For further syllabus information visit: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-7037>

The course is taught in a well-resourced department with experienced staff. Our A Level results from last year were some of the best in the school!

If you are keen or interested in the subject, achieved a grade 6 or above at Geography and Grade 5 in Maths and English at GCSE, and are prepared to work hard we would welcome you joining us to study A Level Geography!

Mr Brockway, Head of Geography