

Geography A Level



Features of the Course:

- Two linear examinations in Year 13.
- Unit 1 and 2 are examinations, both worth 40% of the overall grade. These units consist of a range of human and physical topics.
- Question types: short answer, questions based upon data and resources and longer essay questions.
- Unit 3 requires students to carry out an individual fieldwork investigation which must include data collected in the field, 3,000–4,000 words in length. The investigation is worth 20% of the A-level and is marked by teachers and then moderated by the examination board.

A Level Units

Component 1 – Physical Geography and people and the environment

Content Overview:

Section A: Water and carbon cycles

Section B: Coastal systems and landscapes

Section C: Hazards

Component 2 – Human geography and Geography fieldwork investigation

Content Overview:

Section A: Global systems and global governance

Section B: Changing places

Section C: Contemporary urban environments

Component 3 – Geographical Investigation

Content Overview:

Students complete an individual fieldwork investigation. Students will use data collection methods to explore Geography theory. This is based upon a question or issue defined and developed by the student relating to any part of the specification content.

Methods of Assessment:

Component 1 – 2 ½ hour written exam, 40% of A Level.

Component 2 – 2 ½ hour written exam, 40% of A Level.

Component 3 – 3,000-4,000 words, 20% of A Level. Marked by teachers and moderated by the exam board.