

A-LEVEL GEOGRAPHY



WHY STUDY GEOGRAPHY AT A-LEVEL?

Geography is the study of the world, and how and why changes are taking place within it. Physical Geography includes studying earthquakes, volcanoes, coasts, water and carbon cycles. Human Geography includes studying global systems and governance, changing places and population.

TOPICS STUDIED

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

- Water and Carbon Cycles
- Coastal Systems and Landscapes
- Hazards

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

- Global Systems and Global Governance
- Changing Places
- Contemporary Urban Environments

There will also be an NEA (non-examined assessment) which will be a fieldwork enquiry linked with a topic you have studied

ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE

COMPONENT 1

Physical Geography

- Written exam
- 2 hours 30 minutes
- 120 marks
- 40% of A-Level
- Question types:
 - short answer
 - levels of response
 - extended prose

COMPONENT 2

Human Geography

- Written exam
- 2 hours 30 minutes
- 120 marks
- 40% of A-Level
- Question types:
 - short answer
 - levels of response
 - extended prose.

COMPONENT 3:

Geography fieldwork investigation

Students complete an individual investigation, which includes data collected in the field.

The individual investigation is based on a question or issue defined and developed by the students, relating to any part of the specification content.

- 3000 – 4000 words
- 60 marks
- 20% of A-Level
- Marked by teachers
- Moderated by AQA

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 6 in GCSE Geography.

CAREER PATHWAY

Studying Geography can lead to employment across a wide range of sectors including business management, marketing, journalism, advertising, architecture, environmental conservation, research, town planning, government, the media and many more.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

Studying Geography gives you an insight of the world, areas that you know well, or areas you dream on visiting. It covers all aspects of people's lives and interactions with the natural environment. If you are inquisitive, enjoy learning about people and their societies, economies, cultures and the environment and especially like to explore the world in which you live, then Geography could be for you.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-7037>

If you have any more questions, please email either Miss Harrison (Subject Leader) sharrison@lighthall.co.uk or Mrs Evans (Assistant Head Teacher) cevans@lighthall.co.uk (both will be teaching A-Level Geography).

READING LIST

- AQA Geography A-Level & AS Physical Geography Student Book
- AQA Geography A-Level & AS Human Geography Student Book
- The Almighty Dollar
- The Power of Geography
- Prisoners of Geography
- Planet under pressure: How globalisation is changing our world

