

Course Title: A Level GEOGRAPHY
 Awarding Body: AQA
 Further information available from: MR RAY

Course requirements: Grade 5 in GCSE Geography, Grade 5 or higher in GCSE English Language or English Literature and GCSE Mathematics.

Following a course in A Level Geography will enable learners 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 between people's views of the world, its environments, societies and cultures;
- Apply their learning to the real world through fieldwork and other out of classroom learning using geographical skills, appropriate technologies, enquiry and analysis.

The Course:

In Year 12 and 13, Geography content is divided into two sections – Physical and Human Geography. In core physical, candidates' subject knowledge and understanding in key environments is developed. The contrasting physical environments each present opportunities for studying distinctive sets of processes raising common themes of environmental impact, management, sustainability and citizenship.

In core human, fundamentals of population in human geography are addressed with an emphasis on change and development over space and time and their geographical implications. Optional elements are specified to give candidates the opportunity to engage with key themes of contemporary relevance with an emphasis on human agency and welfare and/or sustainability aspects.

Component 1 – Physical Geography	Component 2 – Human Geography	Component 3
written exam 2 hours 30 minutes – 40% of A-Level	written exam 2 hours 30 minutes – 40% of A-Level	3000 – 4000 word individual investigation – 20% of A-Level
Section A – Water and Carbon Cycles Section B – Coastal Systems and Landscapes Section C – Hazards	Section A – Global Systems and Governance Section B – Changing Places	Fieldwork: There will be an opportunity to conduct fieldwork in Iceland, investigate coastal landforms in Wales and

	Section C – Contemporary Urban Environments	undertake practical work on urban settlement patterns
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