



Sixth Form Subject Guide

GEOGRAPHY

★★★ CAREERS RELATED TO STUDYING THIS SUBJECT

Some careers make direct use of a qualification in Geography, while an increasingly wide range of careers value the type of trained, evaluative, and problem-solving type mindset that the study of Geography develops.

Careers directly related to Geography include meteorology, urban planning, geographical information systems (GIS), environmental management, hydrology, planning, tourism, cartography, and recreation management. A qualification in geography is also relevant to careers in tectonic events management, the armed services, estate management, housing management, landscape architecture, transport management and teaching.

The knowledge and skills acquired by a Geographer are diverse and transferable, making Geography an ideal subject to study alongside a wide range of other subjects.

★★★ A LEVEL COURSE CONTENT

The study of A Level Geography provides a means of observing various aspects of the physical, social, and economic environment. The knowledge gained allows the observer to understand the patterns by applying theory to reality. Learning is never completely abstract in Geography – as each theory has a location and a context to learn from.

Studying this course helps to develop powers of thinking and reasoning. It covers a diverse range of skills including communication, problem solving, working with others, ICT, and numeracy. The study of Geography requires the development of an intellectual, social, moral, and aesthetic appreciation of the world in which we live and have responsibility for.

★★★ A LEVEL METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component	Weighting
Paper 1: Core Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none">90 MinutesData response and structured questions.	25%
Paper 2 - Core Human <ul style="list-style-type: none">90 MinutesData response and structured questions	25%
Paper 3: Advanced Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none">2 optional topicsStructured questions and essay.	25%
Paper 4: Advanced Human <ul style="list-style-type: none">2 optional topicsStructured questions and essay.	25%

★★★ METHODS OF STUDY FOR A LEVEL

Students can expect to undertake their learning through a variety of different methods and learning experiences. There is an emphasis on investigation, as individuals or in regular collaboration with others.

Geography is a very visual subject, learning focuses on this aspect, with learners encouraged to experience course content wherever and however possible. Field work and skills are an integral component of studying geography.

★★★ ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR A LEVEL

It is recommended they have achieved a B in Geography or English at IGCSE/SPM (or equivalent).