

GEOGRAPHY

Exam Board: AQA



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Course Content

Component 1: Physical Geography

Water and Carbon Cycles
Coastal Systems and Landscapes
Hazards (Y12)

Component 2: Human Geography

Global Systems and Governance
Changing places (Y12)
Contemporary urban environments (Y12)

Component 3: Geographical Investigation

Fieldwork will be carried out at Preston Montford Field Study Centre where students will choose their own particular field of study and create their own investigation.

Assessment

Component 1: Physical Geography

Written exam: 2 hours 30 mins = 40%

Component 2: Human Geography

Written exam: 2 hours 30 mins = 40%

Component 3: Geographical Investigation (20%)

Students complete an individual investigation of 4,000 words, which must include data collected in the field.

Career Opportunities

Geography will help you develop your communication and teamwork skills, as you will often work on group projects. You will also develop your research and analysis skills including in IT, lab and fieldwork, which means you will be able to collect and look for patterns in data. According to the Royal Geographical Society, Geography graduates have some of the highest rates of graduate employment. Geography is great for any kind of career that involves the environment, planning, or collecting and interpreting data. Popular careers for people with geography qualifications include: town or transport planning, surveying, conservation, sustainability, waste and water management, environmental planning, tourism, and weather forecasting.

Suggested Reading

Fisher, A. 2001. Critical Thinking an Introduction. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge

Massey, D. 1994. Space, place and gender. Blackwell Publishers Ltd, Cambridge

Redfern, D. 2016. AQA AS / A Level Core Geography. Cross Academe Limited, Oxford

Geography Articles - Geography Review, National Geographic, The Economist, New Internationalist

