

Subject Information

Subject: Geography

What the subject is about:

At A.S. Level the course is very similar to GCSE in structure. You will not cover each topic in as much detail but you cover all 6 themes in one year. There is no coursework. Instead you carry out fieldwork and answer questions about it in the first exam. The second paper includes a skills section.

A2 covers 4 topics (Settlement, Population, Rivers and Coasts, Volcanoes and Earthquakes) and also includes a decision making paper.

Course content and assessment schedule:

Paper	Duration	Season when first taken	Brief outline of main content. (Identify where coursework or practical forms part or all of a module)
1 AS	1 hr 30 mins	January /Summer Yr 13 (*To be decided)	Physical Geography including fieldwork. (50% of AS) Topics covered: Rivers, Ecosystems and Atmosphere. Exam will include questions on fieldwork.
2 AS	1 hr 30 mins	Summer Yr 13	Human Geography including skills and techniques. (50% of AS). Topics covered: Population, Settlement and Development.
3 A2	1 hr 30 mins	January Yr 14	Human Geography and Global Issues. (25 % of A2). Topics covered: Impact of population change and Planning for Sustainable Settlements. Global Issue- Tourism.
4 A2	2hrs 30 mins	Summer Yr 14	<u>Physical Geography including the decision making question.</u> (25 % of A2). Topics covered: Rivers and Coasts, Volcanoes and Earthquakes. Decision making exercise will take the form of a case study.

Entry requirements:

Compulsory GCSE subjects	Grade	Desirable subjects	Grade
Geography	B	English	B
		Maths	B

Qualities / skills needed to succeed in the course

- An understanding of geographical concepts and processes to understand and interpret our changing world.
- The fieldwork and skills questions involve statistical calculations and graph work. The decision making paper will require you to be able to reach a decision about an issue and support your choice with evidence from the resources.
- You will also have to be able to carry out independent research on a global issue.
- This is a varied and challenging course but you should find it enjoyable.