

# Geography

**Course Type:** A Level

**Exam Board:** AQA

**Course Entry Requirements:** Standard: Five GCSE subjects at a minimum grade 4 or the equivalent including Maths and English with a grade 4 or above in both GCSE Geography and Science

## **Why Study Geography?**

Geography is a subject which engages students in the world in which they live. It introduces them to ideas and theories on areas and landscapes which they see as part of their everyday life and inspires them to explore further.

As Geography is all around us in everything we do, there could not be a more relevant subject to study. It looks at both the physical characteristics of our planet and the human features that we are indeed part of. A geographical qualification is known by employers to develop knowledge and skills which they find extremely useful for careers in many areas.

## **What Will I Study? Course Content:**

### **1. Physical geography**

- Water and carbon cycles
- Hot desert systems and landscapes
- Coastal systems and landscapes
- Glacial systems and landscapes
- Hazards
- Ecosystems under stress

### **2. Human geography**

- Global systems and global governance
- Changing places
- Contemporary urban environments
- Population and the environment
- Resource security

### **3. Geography fieldwork investigation**

### **4. Geographical skills**

## **How will I be assessed?**

Component one - Physical Geography - Written exam - worth 40% of A-level

Component two - Human Geography - Written exam - worth 40% of A-level

Component three - Geography fieldwork investigation - worth 20% of A-level