

Geography A Level



Exam Board: AQA

Why A Level Geography?

Geography is the study of Earth's landscapes, peoples, places and environments. It encompasses everything around us and how it came into being. Geography spans the social sciences (human geography) and the natural sciences (physical geography). Human geography focuses on the dynamics of cultures, societies and economics and how these interact with each other, whilst physical geography looks to understand the workings of the physical landscape and environment. Geography focuses on the synergy between human and physical aspects, and how each impacts on the other.

Thinking and Life Skills you will develop:

- Critical enquiry
- Communication (written, oral and visual)
- Data gathering and information retrieval
- Problem solving and decision making
- Teamwork and leadership
- Time management and the ability to work to deadlines
- An analytical approach to people and their environment, which means that geographers should also have developed an objective aptitude for management.

University degrees that require or often prefer Geography include:

Geography, Geology, Environmental Science, Travel and Tourism and Sociology.

What will you study?

The A level course involves both human and physical geography units. The course is designed to take you to the next level of academic study and will challenge your perceptions and stimulate your investigative and analytical skills. Physical topics will include:

- Water and carbon cycles
- Coastal systems and landscapes
- Hazards.

Human topics will include:

- Global systems and governance
- Changing places
- Contemporary Urban Environments

The course also includes an individual fieldwork investigation based on data collected by the students. To support this element of the course we undertake a five-day residential study visit (costing approximately £300) to Nettlecombe Court Field Studies Centre located in Exmoor National Park during Year 12.

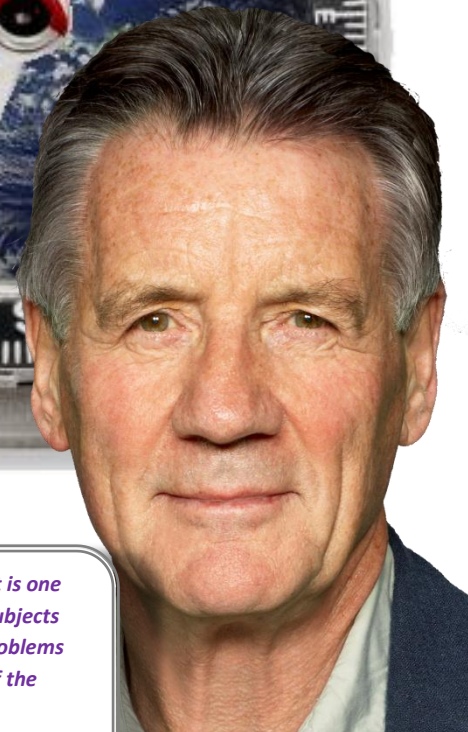
Possible careers:

Directly related: Cartographer, environmental consultant, surveyor, town planner, volcanologist, meteorologist, seismologist, oceanographer, geologist, GIS consultant and a technologist using remote sensing.

Further afield: Logistics and distribution management, market researcher, administration, finance, tourism and international aid worker.

Entry requirements:

Minimum grade 6 in GCSE Geography, Minimum grade 6 Maths and English Language.



'Geography is not only up-to-date and relevant, it is one of the most exciting, adventurous and valuable subjects to study today. So many of the world's current problems boil down to geography and need geographers of the future to help us understand them.'

Michael Palin