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At AS and A-level, candidates will study a range of Human and Physical Geography topics. In each area of study they will gain an understanding of the theoretical elements that underpin the topic, before studying specific case study examples to show how the theory fits in the 'real world'. All topics will require candidates to consider their own values and attitudes to the issues being studied alongside alternative points of view. A variety of geographical skills will also be developed to broaden and deepen existing knowledge and encourage a greater degree of independence, including cartographic, fieldwork and statistical skills.

AS

Component 1 Physical Geography & People and the Environment:
Glacial Systems and Landscapes
Contemporary Urban Environments

Component 2 Human Geography & Geography Fieldwork Investigation:
Changing Places
Geography Fieldwork Investigation and Geographical Skills

A-level

Component 1 Physical Geography:
Water and Carbon Cycles
Glacial Systems and Landscapes
Ecosystems Under Stress

Component 2 Human Geography:
Global Systems and Global Governance
Changing Places
Contemporary Urban Environments

Component 3 Geography Fieldwork Investigation:

An individual investigation based on any part of the specification. This is the Non-Examination Assessment (NEA) and is worth 20% of the A Level course.

Course Entry Requirements

GCSE Grade 6 or above in Geography and a Grade 6 in English Language or Literature.

Additional Information

Students will be expected to participate in a department-organised fieldwork visit in Year 12 to help them with the fieldwork section of the AS Component 2 exam. They will also need to organise an additional two days of data collection for their A-level Component 3 Geography Fieldwork Investigation.

Exam Board: AQA
Specification link: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/a-level/geography-7037/specification/specification-at-a-glance

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