



The New Department of Geography



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AS/A2 LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

What does the course involve?

This is a new course which allows you to continue your study of Geography beyond GCSE level. Expect lively discussion, controversy, the astounding truth behind global politics and business, the latest research on climate change and of course the opportunity to do field work in our local area.

What course units will I take?

AS Units

Unit 1 – Global Challenges

- The World at Risk – if climate is changing what will happen to us in the UK? If our county is flooded again who is there to help us? Where will the floods strike? Can they be predicted? How will we cope? Find out in this unit.
- Going Global – who controls the economic growth of nations: the people, the government or business? Discover this and more.

Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes

Unit 2 - Geographical Investigations

A closer look at how physical and human issues influence lives and can be managed. You will study the dramatic “Extreme Weather” and “Rebranding Places” units.

Written examination: 1 hour

A2 Units

Unit 3 – Contested Planet

Energy resources:

- Topic 1: energy security
- Topic 2: water conflicts
- Topic 3: biodiversity under threat

Inequalities in global wealth, power and influence:

- Topic 4: superpower geographies
- Topic 5: bridging the development gap



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The role of technology in overcoming resource scarcity, income inequality and environmental management:

- Topic 6: the technological fix?

Written Examination : 2 hours 30 minutes (June)

Unit 4 – Geographical Research

Students choose one of the following to research (in groups):

- Option 1: Tectonic activity and hazards
- Option 2: Cold Environments – landscape and change
- Option 3: Life on the margins – the food supply problem
- Option 4: The world of cultural diversity
- Option 5: Pollution and human health at risk
- Option 6: Consuming the rural landscape – leisure and tourism

Fieldwork too.

Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes.

What qualifications do I need?

It is helpful, but not essential to have taken GCSE Geography. You must have a genuine interest in the world and its people. If so, you will love this course.

Will I take part in any study visits/field work?

Yes! The outcomes of your field work studies are directly linked to written examinations.

What can I do after the course?

Students of A-level Geography are highly regarded by universities. You will have a view of the modern world that no other students will. Elements of the course closely match sociology, politics, geology, media studies and environmental studies.

Employers also value students with a qualification in Geography. Whether you move to the media to present the weather forecasts, move to the mountains to study volcanoes or return to the classroom to teach this fascinating subject to the next generation, we are certain that the skills you learn in Geography will never be too far away from your future career.