

A-LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

An excellent A Level Geography student is curious about how the world works and enjoys exploring the links between people, places and environments. They develop strong analytical and investigative skills through studying physical and human geography, engaging with real-world issues such as climate change, urban change and hazard management. A successful student is thoughtful, organised and independent, able to interpret data, evaluate different viewpoints and apply knowledge to unfamiliar contexts, often supported by fieldwork and wider reading in line with the AQA Geography specification. Students must want to explore world beyond the classroom which challenges them to appreciate and make sense of geographical complexity and to 'think like a geographer'.

Summary of course content

The Geography A-Level syllabus is split into three areas:

Paper 1	Paper 2	NEA
<u>Physical geography</u> - Water and carbon cycles - Glacial systems and landscapes - Hazards <u>How it's assessed?</u> Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes 120 marks 40% of A-level	<u>Human geography</u> - Global systems and global governance - Changing places - Population and the environment <u>How it's assessed?</u> Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes 120 marks 40% of A-level	<u>Geography fieldwork investigation</u> Students complete an individual investigation which must include data collected in the field. The individual investigation must be based on a question or issue defined and developed by the student relating to any part of the specification content. <u>How it's assessed?</u> 4,000 words 60 marks 20% of A-level marked by teachers moderated by AQA

What you should be doing as an independent learner in your four hours of independent study per week?

Weekly:	- CAT's (exam style practise questions) set fortnightly from each teacher. Set on a Monday, due on a Friday. - Additional reading: set fortnightly from each teacher. Set on a Monday, due on a Friday. Both will be found in teams.
Fortnightly:	- Complete all questions from the workbook / knowledge organiser on topic you are studying. - Keeping up to date with global news and events to ensure general knowledge is improved (BBC news / CNN) - Watching relevant documentaries and TEDTalks when necessary.
Half termly:	Revision: Review recent lessons, learn key processes and produce revision resources, e.g., flashcards, mind maps, posters, etc. Complete past exam papers (teams)

You can find the AQA specification here: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/a-level/geography-7037/specification/specification-at-a-glance>

Resources:

- AQA Geography A Level Revision Guide
- Oxford University Press Textbook
- Cambridge University Press Textbook
- Teams folders for independent reading
- <https://www.rgs.org/> - The Royal Geographical Society
- Google Scholar
- <http://www.coolgeography.co.uk/A-level/AQA/AQA%20A%20level.htm>

Independent learning overview

Two hours directed by each of your teachers (subject to change):

Y12	Teacher 1	Teacher 2
07.09.26	Enrolment week	Enrolment week
14.09.26	Learn specialist words from knowledge organiser. Topic: Changing Places	
21.09.26		Learn specialist words from knowledge organiser. Topic: Water and Carbon
28.09.26	Cat 1 and Reading 1 (teams)	
05.10.26		Cat 1 and Reading 1 (teams)
12.10.26	Cat 2 and Reading 2 (teams)	
19.10.26		Cat 2 and Reading 2 (teams)
26.10.26	Half term	
02.11.26	Cat 3 and Reading 3 (teams)	
09.11.26		Cat 3 and Reading 3 (teams)
16.11.26	Cat 4 and Reading 4 (teams)	
23.11.26		Cat 4 and Reading 4 (teams)
30.11.26	Cat 5 and Reading 5 (teams)	
07.12.26		Cat 5 and Reading 5 (teams)
14.12.26	Cat 6 and Reading 6 (teams) and revision for end of topic test.	
21.12.26	Christmas holidays	
28.12.26	Christmas holidays	
04.01.27	Learn specialist words from knowledge organiser. Topic: Hazards	Cat 6 and Reading 6 (teams) and revision for end of topic test.
11.01.27		Learn specialist words from knowledge organiser. Topic: Population and the Environment
18.01.27	Cat 1 and Reading 1 (teams)	
25.01.27		Cat 1 and Reading 1 (teams)
01.02.27	Work experience	
08.02.27	Cat 2 and Reading 2 (teams)	Cat 2 and Reading 2 (teams)
15.02.27	Half term	
22.02.27		Cat 3 and Reading 3 (teams)
01.03.27	Cat 3 and Reading 3 (teams)	
08.03.27		Cat 4 and Reading 4 (teams)
15.03.27	Cat 4 and Reading 4 (teams)	
22.03.27		Cat 5 and Reading 5 (teams)
29.03.27	Easter holidays	
05.04.27	Easter holidays	
12.04.27	NEAs - Literature focus	
19.04.27		Cat 6 and Reading 6 (teams)
26.04.27	NEAs – literature focus	
03.05.27		Cat 7 and Reading 7 (teams)
10.05.27	NEAs – literature focus	

17.05.27		Cat 8 and Reading 8 (teams)
24.05.27	NEAs – methods focus	
31.05.27	Half term	
07.06.27		NEAs – literature focus
14.06.27	NEAs – methods focus	
21.06.27		NEAs – literature focus
28.06.27	NEAs – methods focus	
05.07.27		NEAs – methods focus
12.07.27	NEAs – summer wrap up and to do	
19.07.27		

Y13	Teacher 1	Teacher 2
07.09.26	Enrolment week	Enrolment week
14.09.26	Learn specialist words from knowledge organiser. Topic: Hazards	NEAs – result write up final week
21.09.26		
28.09.26	CAT 5 and Reading 5 (teams)	NEAs – evaluation write up
05.10.26		
12.10.26	Cat 6 and Reading 6 (teams)	NEAs – conclusions write up
19.10.26		
26.10.26	Half Term	
02.11.26	Learn specialist words from knowledge organiser. Topic: Global Systems and Global Governance	Learn specialist words from knowledge organiser. Topic: Glacial Systems
09.11.26		Cat 1 and Reading 1 (teams)
16.11.26	Cat 1 and Reading 1 (teams)	
23.11.26		Cat 2 and Reading 2 (teams)
30.11.26	Cat 2 and Reading 2 (teams)	
07.12.26		Cat 3 and Reading 3 (teams)
14.12.26	Cat 3 and Reading 3 (teams)	
21.12.26	Christmas Holidays	Christmas Holidays
28.12.26	Christmas Holidays	Christmas Holidays
04.01.27		Cat 4 and Reading 4 (teams)
11.01.27	Cat 4 and Reading 4 (teams)	
18.01.27		Cat 5 and Reading 5 (teams)
25.01.27	Cat 5 and Reading 5 (teams)	
01.02.27	Work experience	
08.02.27		Cat 6 and Reading 6 (teams)
15.02.27	Half term	
22.02.27	Cat 6 and Reading 6 (teams)	
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08.03.27	NEA final check	
15.03.27		NEA final check
22.03.27	NEA final check	
29.03.27	Easter holidays	
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