

Trinity 6th form

Catholic College

AQA AS & A Level Geography

Course Overview

A Level Geography covers both the physical and human environments and the complex interaction of processes that shape our world. It will also, importantly, show the applied side of the subject - how human intervention affects the environment and how people adapt and mitigate the effects of processes on their environment. Field work is an integral part of the course such as our visit Manchester.

Course Content

Year 12

- Coastal Systems and Landscapes
- Fieldwork and geographical skills
- Changing places
- Hazards

Year 13

- Water and Carbon Cycles
- Independent fieldwork investigation
- Contemporary Urban Environments
- Global systems and governance

Assessment

Physical Geography

- Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
- 40% of A-level

Human Geography

- Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
- 40% of A-level

Fieldwork investigation

- 3,000–4,000 words
- 20% of A-level

Entry Requirements

Standard level 3 entry requirements- at least 5 GCSEs at A* - C (9-5) including English Language plus Maths at grade 5 or above.

Minimum grade 5 GCSE Geography

Progression

Geography combines well with both arts and science subjects. You may already be thinking ahead to potential university and career choices so it is worth bearing in mind that Geography is a broad based subject that is considered by employers to produce graduates who have benefited from understanding issues and processes. It can also fit well for your future progression to specific careers, for example, in transport management, sustainability and green issues, urban regeneration, planning, retail location, managing the effects of hazards and climate change, Geography is an obvious choice. For careers in the world of business, an understanding of global economics forms an important part of geography. If you are thinking of a career in law, human rights, international relations or welfare then geography gives you the opportunity to consider relevant issues such as; How do we measure development? What are the consequences of rebranding? How we collect information from people to understand their views? If you are working towards a future course in medicine then Geography is a good choice to give your A Level options the breadth that universities seek, as you will gain a clear understanding of relevant issues as well as enhancing your skills of writing essays and extended reports.

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