

# Geography



<b>A Level Course Overview:</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Title</b>
<p><u>Component 1:</u> Section A: Water and carbon cycles Section B: Coastal systems and landscapes Section C: Hazards</p> <p><u>Component 2:</u> Section A: Global systems and global governance Section B: Changing places Section C: Contemporary urban environments</p> <p><u>Component 3</u> Geographical Investigations (NEA) Students complete an individual investigation on a section of the course which must include data collected in the field.</p>	1	Physical geography and people and the environment
	2	Human geography and geography fieldwork investigation
	3	Geographical investigation

**How will I be assessed?**

20%: Individual investigation based on fieldwork  
80%: Two exams at the end of the course, each being 2 hours 30 minutes long.

**What will this course include?**

A level geography provides the opportunity to deepen your understanding and enjoyment of the natural world alongside an increased appreciation of the complexity of social and environmental issues in an increasingly complex and urbanised world. It will aid your understanding of the interactions between human populations and their physical landscapes and how we are shaping the world around us. The course offers the opportunity to undertake a residential field visit to Boscastle. You will undergo the enquiry process to study fluvial activity along the local river for two days. There is also the exciting opportunity to complete an Individual Investigation into a topic area of your choice. Collecting primary data in the field, undertake analysis of your findings and comparing it to other academic research before drawing your conclusions.

**What do I need to join?**

A minimum of a grade 4 in GCSE Geography would be accepted to start this course. A grade 5, however, is preferred.

An interest in the world around you and the processes that shape it.

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**Where could this A Level take me in the future?**

This course provides students with the knowledge, understanding and skills for further study in higher education or for employment. Geography covers a range of invaluable skills and has one of the best employment records in the country for university leavers. It leads to a wide range of other courses and job opportunities such as:

Resource Management, Nature Conservation, Urban planning, GIS, International Aid / Development, Teacher, Volcanology, Hazard Management, Coastal Management, Environmental Management, Political Risk Analyst Cartography, Climatology, Meteorology, Flood Control Management, Civil Engineer, Countryside Manager, Pollution Monitoring Office, Surveying, Tourism, Transport.