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Welcome to Geography



Miss Pellett – Head of Geography





Geography A- Level – Some key facts:

- Board – **AQA** (which is the board that we have studied at GCSE and A-level for a number of years)
- It is a **linear** course so will be assessed via a human geography paper and a physical geography paper (both sat at the end of Year 13) and a piece of coursework (submitted at the end of the course but completed earlier)





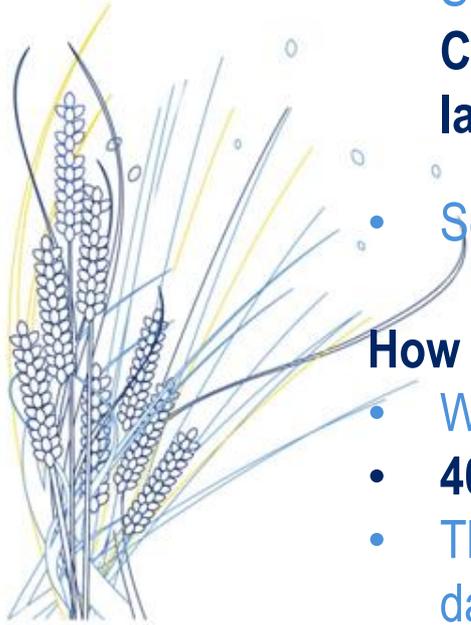
Component 1 – Physical Geography

What's assessed

- Section A: **Water and carbon cycles**
- Section B: either **Hot desert systems and landscapes** or **Coastal systems and landscapes** or **Glacial systems and landscapes**
- Section C: either **Hazards** or **Ecosystems under stress**

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 2 hour 30 minutes
- **40% of the A-level**
- There will a mix of question types including multiple choice, data response, short answer, extended answer and an essay





Component 2 – Human Geography

What's assessed

- Section A: **Global systems and global governance**
- Section B: **Changing places**
- Section C: either **Population and the environment** or **Contemporary urban environments** or **Resource security**

How it's assessed

- Written exam: 2 hour 30 minutes
- **40% of the A-level**
- There will be a mix of question types including multiple choice, data response, short answer, extended answer and an essay





Component 3 – Geographical investigation

What's assessed

- 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 course.

How it's assessed

- 3000-4000 words
- **20% of the A-level**
- This will be marked by teachers and moderated by AQA





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What you would study and when:

Year 12:

- Hot deserts and landscapes
- Hazards
- Resource security
- Changing places
- Global systems and governance



Year 13:

- Global systems and governance
- Water and carbon cycles
- Independent investigation (NEA)





Fieldwork: • 4 days of fieldwork is a compulsory part of the course.

Year 12:

- A 1-day trip to East London
- Approximate cost **£20**
- June 2021

Year 13:

- A 3-day/2-night trip to Swanage
- Approximate cost - **£200**
- September 2021





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What else have we offered this year:

- Membership of the Royal Geographical Society
- Membership of the Geographical Association
- Reduced rates for the Geography Review magazine
- A 'Geography at University' talk.





What jobs can you do with Geography?

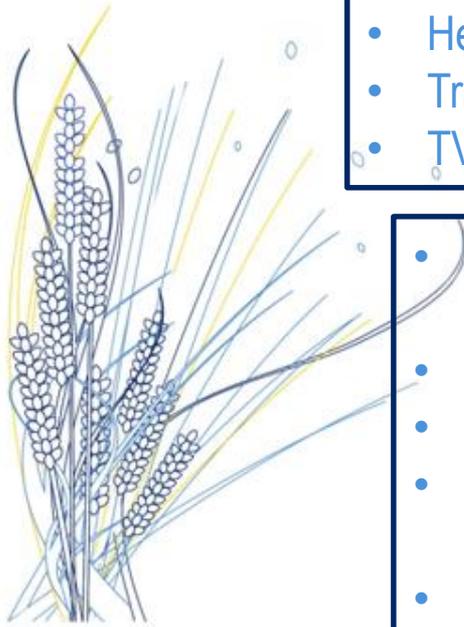
Geography students are very employable because of the strong skills learnt during the course. Traditional Geography careers include:

- Careers within tourism industry
- Eco tourism guide
- Heritage site manager
- Travel writer
- TV researcher

- GIS (Geographical Information Systems) specialist
- Cartographer
- Surveyor
- Government positions (foreign relations)
- Meteorologist, Climatologist, Volcanologist.

- Teacher
- FE or university lecturer

- Town planning
- Housing manager
- Urban regeneration officer
- Local government services
- Environment agencies
- Environmental campaign organiser
- Conservation worker
- Sustainability projects worker
- Civil servant for DEFRA
- Environmental health
- Resource management





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What jobs can you do with Geography?

Studying Geography does not only restrict you to Geography related careers. Some other common career paths for Geography students include:

- Journalism
 - Business
 - Law
 - Accountancy
 - Advertising
 - Social worker
 - Banking
- and many more...*

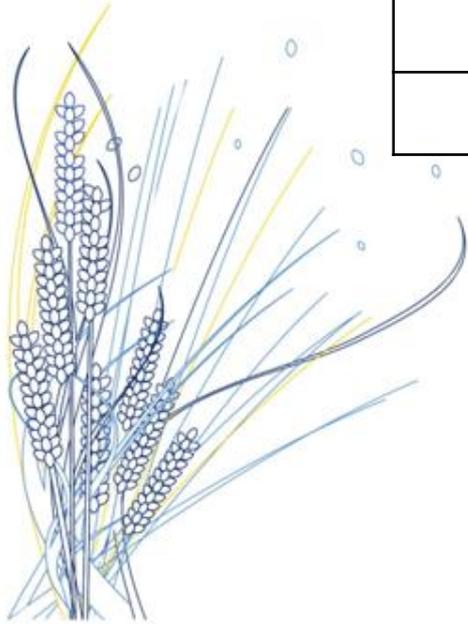
Whatever path you choose, Geography provides knowledge about the world in which we live and cross curricular skills. This will help you progress in any job, career or university placement.





Results in 2019:

	2019	National average
A* or A	38%	23%
A*-B	74%	52%
A*-C	95%	79%



We currently have 35 students in year 12 and 27 students in year 13.



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Why study Geography? A few more reasons:

- It is a '**facilitating subject**' so one of the A-level subjects most likely to be preferred or required for entry to a degree course.
- We currently have **62 students** studying at **A-level** making us one of the most popular choices.
- Geographers are very employable.
- **You enjoy Geography!**

