

SUBJECT: Geography

QUALIFICATION: AS and A2 in Geography

QUALIFICATION LEVEL:

QUALIFICATION TYPE: AS and A2

AWARDING BODY: AQA

CATEGORY: Geography

Qualification Accreditation Number (QAN): AS 500/25946, A 500/25892

DESCRIPTION

Geography is a contemporary subject which deals with the relationship between people across the world and with the physical environment. It is a flexible subject which is especially attractive to those who want to maintain strong links with real world examples outside the classroom. It can be classified as either an Arts, science or Social Science. A-Level geographers have subsequently pursued many and varied careers. Geography is for those students who:

- Have an opinion on current issues affecting people and the environment
- Care about the impact our lives will have on future populations
- Want to study a subject that is relevant to your own life experiences
- Enjoy finding out about other cultures, places, landscapes and events
- Are willing to work as a team in all fieldwork activities.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This is a modular course delivered through a variety of teaching styles including fieldwork, enquiry, group work, presentations, ICT and written work.

AS GEOGRAPHY

AS Unit 1: Physical and Human Geography

Rivers, floods and management; Coastal Environments; Population Change; Energy Issues.

AS Unit 2: Geographical Skills

Basic, investigative, ICT, graphical, cartographical and statistical skills.

A2 GEOGRAPHY

A2 Unit 3: Contemporary Geographical Issues

Plate Tectonics and associated hazards; Ecosystems – change and challenge; World Cities – evolution or revolution?

A2 Unit 4a: Geography Fieldwork Investigation

Written assessment based on data collected on fieldtrip to Ainsdale Sand Dunes

OR The French Alps.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

- 5 GCSEs at grade C and above
- A GCSE pass of at least a C in Geography is required
- You must have a genuine interest in the subject and be prepared to work hard.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

AS Level: Two modular examinations both taken at the end of Year 12. There is no coursework for AS Level Geography.

A2 Level: Two modular examinations. Unit 4a is taken in January of Year 13 and Unit 3 is taken at the end of Year 13. There is no coursework.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

There are no compulsory costs although two residential fieldtrips are offered, one in Year 12 to Conwy Centre, Anglesey and the French Alps in Year 13. All compulsory fieldtrips are free of charge.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES?

This specification lays an appropriate foundation for further study of Geography in Higher Education. Often you will find that Geography, combined with the following subjects can be of real assistance to you in your employment and further education choices. For example:

- With Biology – agriculture, landscape architecture, estate management.
- With Chemistry – industry, environmental health, pharmacy, medicine.
- With Business – marketing, sales, civil service, finance, advertising.
- With History/English – publishing, archaeology, law.
- With Languages – overseas marketing, tourism, personnel management.
- With Mathematics – meteorology, navigation.
- With Physics – civil engineering, geology, telecommunications.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Visit the Geographical association website for further information about careers with geography: <http://www.geography.org.uk/>

Also the Royal Geographical Society at: <http://www.rgs.org>

or speak to a member of staff:

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