

Geography AS/A2

EXAMINATION BOARD

AQA Syllabus A

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Geography Grade C or above.

THE COURSE

This is the most popular Geography Syllabus, an interesting and varied two-year modular course consisting of 6 modules:

An outline of the Geography Post 16 Course is outlined below:

Units 1, 2, and 3 are for the Modules undertaken during Year 12 forming an AS Level whilst in Year 13 units 4, 5, and 6 are undertaken to complete an A Level Course.

It is hoped to provide a fieldwork visit during Year 12, to gain valuable opportunities to learn a variety of skills and cover a number of new issues, which will help when choosing, preparing and carrying out the Personal Enquiry. Further details of the Course are given below. See Mr. Taylor-Mudge, Head of Geography, if you require further information with regard to the content of the Course or your suitability to undertake the Course. OFSTED have made these positive comments in relation to the course, "The content is presented to provide stimulus and challenge to the most able A Level students", "A particular strength of the teaching is the extensive up-to-date Geographical knowledge of the specialised teachers" and "of particular note are the opportunities students have to develop field work skills".

Summary of the Specification Content

AS comprises the first three units below

A2 comprises all 6 units

AS:

Module 1 – Core Concepts in Physical Geography

Energy & Life

Water on the Land

Climatic Hazard and Change

Module 2 - Core Concepts in Human Geography

Population Dynamics

Settlement Process & Patterns

Economic Activity

Module 3 - Geographical Skills

Map Skills

Various Graphic Skills etc.

Fieldwork Skills

A2:

Module 4 – Challenge & Change in the Natural Environment

Coast Processes & Problems

Geomorphological Processes & Hazards

Cold Environment & Human Activity

Module 5 – Challenge & Change in the Human Environment

Population Pressure & Resource Management

Managing Cities - Challenges & Issues

Recreation & Tourism

Module 6 – Fieldwork Investigation

- Two of the 3 Topics are studied from each of Modules 4 and 5
- Candidates are required to submit a personal Fieldwork Investigation, with a recommended limit of 4000 words, based on a minimum of two days spent in the field.
- It is hoped that a residential visit can be arranged or several fieldwork trips undertaken during the Autumn Term.