

Guilsborough Academy Sixth Form

KS5 CURRICULUM

Course Title: **A Level Geography**

Examination Board: AQA



Entry Requirements: Please see Entry Requirements in the Application Form.

Assessment: Three written examinations and one controlled assessment.

Paper 1 (physical) is worth 40% (2.5 hours)

Paper 2 (human) is worth 40% (2.5 hours)

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 specification content.

- 3,000–4,000 words
- 60 marks
- 20% of A-level
- marked by teachers
- moderated by AQA

Is This Course Right For Me?

Whilst studying A Level Geography, you will find yourself developing certain skills, some transferable, and others relevant to the field of study. In terms of transferable skills, you will enhance your communication, teamwork and time management skills. You will also gain a better understanding of the world we live in, the research methods used in Geography, and how to analyse the results. Geography is a very versatile subject which fits well with both science-based subjects and the arts due to the Human and Physical nature of the course.

Unit Contents:

Component 1 – Physical Geography

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

Component 2 – Human Geography

Section A: Global systems and global governance

Section B: Changing places

Section C: either Contemporary urban environments **or** Population and the environment **or** Resource security

Component 3 – Non – examined assessment

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Progression:

Geography provides students with an understanding of the world they will be entering. It encourages them to question ideas and evaluate the reliability of different sources. This prepares students to enter the world of further education or work with an open mind. There are many careers which lend themselves to geography such as surveying, international aid worker, tourism, environment agency and landscape architecture to name a few. As both human and physical geography is studied it encourages interactions with society and the environment. Universities view Geography as an Arts and Science subject. It is very versatile and holds many cross-curricular links with other subjects. Particularly sociology for the human aspect and the sciences for physical aspect.

Example of university courses and grades required

- **Newcastle University** BSc (Hons) Geography – AAB
- **Coventry University.** BA (Hons) Geography – ABB
- **Oxford University** BSc (Hons) Geography – A*AA
- **Manchester university** BSc (Hons) International disaster management – ABB

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