

GEOGRAPHY

AQA 7037

What skills do I gain?

A strength of A-Level geography is the wide range of skills you gain that can be applied to a huge range of disciplines and careers. This includes:

- The ability to describe, explain and critically evaluate complex data sets
- Write a coherent argument with a well-rounded conclusion
- Use a range of resources to support your learning including articles, documentaries, data and statistics
- Collecting real work data using a range of human and physical fieldwork skills

Where could Geography take me?

Geography can be studied as a Physical or Human degree or in combination with a wide range of other subjects such as Geography & Economics, Geography & International Relations and Geography & Environmental Management. Geography makes you very employable for apprenticeships due to your real world understanding and analytical skills.

There are also a range of other courses related to Geography such as Renewable Energy Engineering, International Relations, Anthropology and Environmental Law to name a few!

Course Content

Component	Content	Weighting
Human Geography	Changing Places, Global Governance, Resource Security	40%
Physical Geography	Water and Carbon Cycles, Coastal Landscapes, Natural Hazards	40%
NEA	-	20%

The non-examined assessment (NEA) is an independent investigation where students undertake real-world research into a geographic topic of their choice. Students conduct fieldwork to collect data, which they then present and analyse.

The Big Questions:

- *How do globalisation and migration reshape the identities of places?*
- *Is climate change having an impact upon the frequency and intensity of natural hazards?*
- *What role do transnational corporations play in shaping global environmental policies?*
- *How should coastal communities adapt to increasing sea-level rise and coastal erosion in the 21st century?*
- *How do geopolitical tensions over resource access influence global stability?*

Fieldwork in Geography

At Sutton Girls, we undertake day visits across the region to investigate human and physical processes.

Students visit Bournville in order to learn and develop their fieldwork skills in preparation for their NEA. They then choose appropriate methods to focus their NEA investigations on other areas across the region such as Stratford-Upon-Avon and Sutton Park. There may include soil pH sampling, questionnaires, air pollution tests and environmental quality surveys.

What have our students go on to do?

- Achieve a degree in Geography at Cambridge University
- Complete an accountancy apprenticeship with KMPG
- Study Medicine at Nottingham University
- Gain a degree in Environmental Science with a work placement at the Environment Agency
- Study Renewable Energy Engineering at Southampton University