

AQA A level geography

About the course:

This two year course emphasises the study of geographical change. This focus on change in both the physical and human environment provides a means of understanding the main principles of geography and acquiring a range of geographical skills.

Here at All Saints we involve our Sixth Form geography students in a range of topics that address physical, human and environmental issues. Students will be involved in fieldwork, including a residential visit to the Lake District, where they will be involved in testing hypotheses, collecting primary data, and the study of glacial and coastal landscapes.

Course content:

This qualification is linear. This means that all candidates sit all of their examinations and submit their non-examination assessment at the end of the course.

In year twelve you will study:

- Hazards
- Changing places
- Water and carbon cycles
- Geographic fieldwork investigation based upon two fieldwork studies (one of which will be residential)

In year thirteen you will study:

- Coastal environments
- Global systems and governance
- Population pressure / Resource security
- Geographic fieldwork investigation based upon two fieldwork studies to be continued from year twelve (one of which will be residential)

Year twelve assessment:

- Two separate examinations of 1 hour and 30 minutes
- Each examination contains 80 marks
- Each examination counts for 50% of the AS qualification
- Both course content and fieldwork skills will be assessed

Year thirteen assessment:

Physical geography examination on hazards, water and carbon cycles, and coastal environments

- 96 marks available through range of assessment methods, including multiple choice questions, stimulus-response activities and extended prose

- 2 hour 30 minutes examination

Human geography examination on global systems and governance, changing places and population pressure or resource scarcity

- 96 marks available through range of assessment methods, including multiple choice questions, stimulus-response activities and extended prose
- 2 hour 30 minutes examination

Geographical investigation: to be completed by students from two separate fieldwork activities. 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.

- 3000 – 4000 words
- 20% of A level



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