

# A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

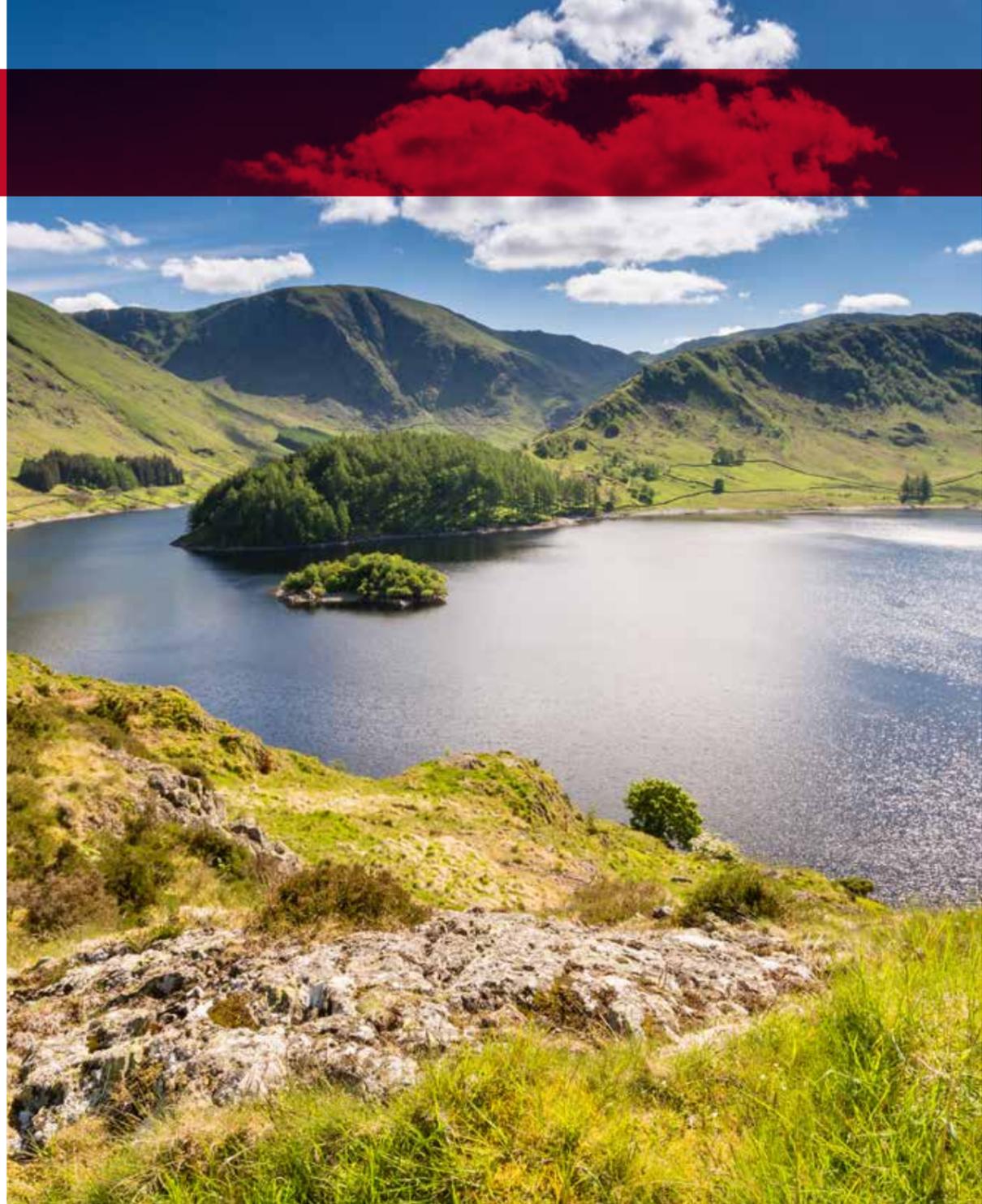
**Geography is a dynamic, current, exciting subject that enables you to study our ever changing planet. We are experiencing an exciting time of change both for the physical and human environments around us, and as a student of A Level Geography you can analyse these changes and their impact to consider difficult questions about our future. As we move into an uncertain global future we need skilled, creative thinkers with a strong background in global issues.**

Modern Geography emphasises the integration of Physical and Human Geography within issues such as tectonic hazards, the globalisation of economic activity, the increasing pressure on resources resulting from population growth and conflicts over energy supplies. It is concerned with a rapidly changing world and every student will have the opportunity to discuss controversial and contemporary issues.

## COURSE OUTLINE

The core topics that will be covered over the two years include:

- 1. Physical Geography:** You will study how water and carbon cycles are fascinating systems, why landscapes are dynamic environments and the exciting study of the nature of vulcanicity and its underlying causes and hazards.
- 2. Human Geography:** This section of the specification will focus your study on theme of globalisation and society's engagement with places, people and the qualities they ascribe.
- 3. Geographical Investigation:** You will complete an individual investigation which must include data collected in the field (minimum of four days fieldwork exercise). The individual investigation must be based on a question or issue defined and developed by the student in both physical and human geography.



## ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE

You will sit two examinations at the end of Year 13.

Subject assessment is split into 3 parts. Each written assessment is held at the end of Year 13. The two written papers are both 2 hours 30 minutes in length and worth a combined 80% of the qualification. Controlled assessment in the form of a geographical investigation is worth 20% of the A level. This will take place in Year 12 to be written by the end of Year 12.

YEAR	TITLE	CONTENT	WEIGHTING
End of Year 13	Paper 1	Physical Geography	40%
End of Year 13	Paper 2	Human Geography	40%
End of Year 13	Geographical Investigation	Geographical Investigation (3,000-4,000 word project)	20%

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A desire for the world around us and an aspiration to understand the dynamic world is essential to your success in Geography. Competition for places will be high as Geography and related humanities are popular choices at university. As a result, to ensure we strive for the highest success students will ideally have Grade Point 7-9 (Grade A\*/A) at Geography GCSE. The minimum GCSE grade required is Grade point 6 (Grade B). Studying History alongside this subject will find common ground with Human Geography, while biologists, chemists and physicists find aspects of their work applicable to ecosystems and hydrology.



Without Geography, you're nowhere - Jimmy Buffet



## PROGRESSION ROUTES

Geography is a valued discipline within the academic world as Geographers have strong communication and research skills with the ability to select and interpret a wide range of material. They are effective problem solvers and decision makers, able to present facts, ideas and arguments into concise reports and demonstrate well-rounded, flexible thinking. The subject can provide a springboard from which students can develop established careers in a variety of fields including business, engineering, environmental law, meteorology, town planning, seismology and economics.

## RECOMMENDED EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

In addition to numerous clubs and societies taking place every week in Geography, we strongly encourage students to subscribe to a range of Geographical newsletters and magazines which provide monthly updates on modern, contemporary Geographical issues around the world today. A level Geography requires fieldwork elements throughout the two year course and there will be the opportunity to attend residential trips as well as smaller day trips and additional opportunities such as lectures and guest speakers.

## RECOMMENDED READING LIST

The Geography Review  
The Geographical Magazine  
Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Survive by Jared Diamond  
Peoplequake: Mass Migration, Ageing Nations and the Coming Population Crash by Fred Pearce  
The Cloudspotter's Guide by Gavin Pretor-Pinney

## TOP 5 UNIVERSITIES CURRENTLY FOR THIS SUBJECT

1. London School of Economics
2. St Andrews
3. Cambridge
4. Durham
5. Oxford

## COURSE/QUALIFICATION DETAILS

Qualification: A level geography

Board: AQA

Code: 7037

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