

Clarendon Academy Sixth Form: Subject Essentials

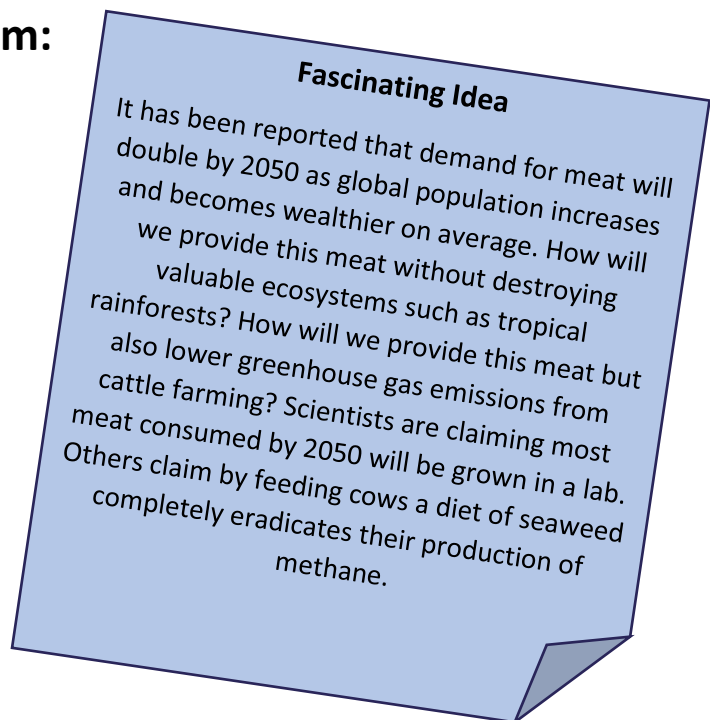
Geography

Exam Board: AQA

Specification: AQA Geography 7037

How am I examined in this subject?

Geography is assessed through three components; two exam papers and one piece of coursework:



- **Paper 1 Physical Geography:** This exam is worth 40% of your A-level. There are three sections covering; Water and carbon cycles, Coastal systems and Hazards. The exam is 2.5 hours long with each section covering responses ranging from multiple choice, source analysis and 20-mark essay questions.
- **Paper 2 Human Geography:** This exam is also worth 40% of your A-level. There are three sections covering; Global systems and global governance, Changing Places and Population and the environment. The exam is 2.5 hours long with each section covering responses ranging from multiple choice, source analysis and 20-mark essay questions.
- **Non-Examined Assessment:** This is a piece of independent coursework that requires you to investigate a topic of your choice linked to something you have studied in class. It is worth 20% of your a-level and 3-4000 words in length. It involves collecting primary and secondary data over 4 days in and around Swanage in Dorset.

How are my responses assessed?

There are 3 main assessment objectives which get assessed to different degrees in each component.

- **AO1:** Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of (30–40%).
- **AO2:** Application of knowledge and understanding to interpret, analyse and evaluate information (30–40%).
- **AO3:** Use a variety of fieldwork skills to investigate geographical questions, analyse and evaluate data and evidence, construct arguments and draw conclusions (20–30%).

How could this subject support my future education or career?

Geography is accepted by all Russell Group Universities as a traditional A-level allowing you to access many degree courses. Studying Geography can help you develop skills that support careers in cartography/GIS, town planning, landscape architect, teaching, environmental consultancy and conservation, sustainability consultant, transport planner amongst many others.

How do we support students who are aiming for A/A* grades?

- We encourage our most able students to read widely around the topics that we are studying in class. A comprehensive folder is available on the Sixth Form VLE, which contains a number of thought-provoking articles and papers written by experts in the subject.
- We provide an extensive catalogue of podcasts recorded by leading experts from universities, the Royal Geographic Society and the BBC that directly relate to topics studied in class.
- We organise one-to-one sessions with students who would like additional support in improving their essays or their coursework drafts.
- We provide students with excellent fieldwork opportunities to London and Dorset that will enhance their ability to undertake their own coursework investigation.

How do we support students who are finding this subject difficult?

- We organise one-to-one sessions with students who are struggling with specific texts or skills in our subject.
- We provide printed versions of the PowerPoint presentations and other notes we use in lessons for students who experience difficulties with the pace of lessons.
- We provide detailed and helpful feedback on the work that students submit to use and give them the opportunity to improve their work at regular opportunities.
- We direct students to a range of online resources that are designed to support them with independent study and reviewing their notes from class, such as Seneca Learning with tailored content and assessment specific to our exam board.

What do I have to achieve at GCSE to study this subject?

You need to achieve at least a grade 5 at GCSE to continue with Geography at A-Level.

Who can I contact if I want to find out more?

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