

Course Title:	Geography GCSE
Title of qualification to be gained (if any):	
Awarding Body (if any):	AQA GCSE Geography A Specification
Essential materials: Coloured pencils Calculator	

Course Aims
<p>AQA Geography GCSE aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively engage students in the process of geography to develop an effective and independent learners and as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds • Develop their knowledge and understanding of geographical concepts and appreciate the relevance of these concepts to our changing world • Develop a framework of spatial awareness in which to appreciate the importance of the location of places and environments from local to global • Understand the significance of values and attitudes to the development and resolution of issues • Develop their responsibility as global citizens and recognise how they can contribute to a future that is sustainable and inclusive • Develop and apply their learning to the real world through fieldwork and other out of classroom learning • Use geographical skills, appropriate technologies, enquiry and analysis • Develop entrepreneurial skills and awareness of career possibilities
Course Description
<p>The Geography GCSE course highlights the critical importance of geography for understanding the world and for stimulating an interest in places. It will inspire students to become global citizens by exploring their place in the world, their value and responsibilities to other people and to the environment.</p> <p>A modern and engaging approach to Human Geography covers key ideas and debates such as climate change, globalisation, economic progress, urban regeneration and management of world resources.</p> <p>The main focus of Physical Geography is to investigate the factors that produce diverse and dynamic landscapes that change over time. This includes the interdependence of physical environments and the interaction between people and the environment as well as an understanding of the need for sustainable management of both physical and human environments. Students will learn to appreciate the differences and similarities between people, places and cultures leading to an improved understanding of societies and economies.</p> <p>Controlled assessment will encourage questioning, investigation and critical thinking about issues affecting the world and people's lives. Students will use varied resources including maps and visual media as well as complex technologies such as GIS and remote sensing, to obtain, present and analyse information.</p>

Students will develop essential skills such as problem solving, decision making, synthesising ideas, identifying issues and communicating findings through the undertaking of a fieldwork investigation, individually and as part of team. Geography GCSE has strong links with other subjects, including citizenship and ICT, and areas of the curriculum such as science which focus on sustainability and the global dimension.

Who is the course for?

Geography is not only up-to-date and relevant, it is one of the most exciting, adventurous and valuable subjects to study today. So many of the world's current problems boil down to geography, and need the geographers of the future to help us understand them.

Global warming, natural disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis, the spread of disease, the reasons for migration and the future of energy resources are just some of the great challenges facing the next generation of geographers. Geography stimulates your mind and encourages you to have the attitude to go out and see for myself, rather than be told by others.

Choosing geography at school can support your study at the HAE UTC. Geography is recognised for its academic 'robustness' and, most importantly, it also helps young people into the world of work. We know this is true because so many employers prize the knowledge and skills that studying geography can provide, be it knowing how the world works, planning research and report writing, working in a team, using new technologies and communication skills – and much more. Studying geography can help young people achieve careers that are professionally and financially rewarding and also enjoyable!

Main topics covered

The Course can be divided into three sections –

UNIT 1 – Physical Geography

Style of Assessment -1 hour 30 minute examination

Candidates answer three questions, one from Section A and one from Section B plus free choice of one other.

UNIT 2 – Human Geography

Style of Assessment - 1 hour 30 minute examination

Candidates answer three questions, one from Section A and one from Section B plus free choice of one other

UNIT 3 – Local Fieldwork Investigation

Controlled Assessment. 6 hour write up under direct supervision

Learning Outcomes

- Recall, select and communicate their knowledge and understanding of places, environments and concepts.
- Apply their knowledge and understanding in familiar and unfamiliar contexts.
- Select and use a variety of skills, techniques and technologies to investigate, analyse and evaluate questions and issues.

Teaching and learning methods used

The Teaching and learning methods aim to encourage 'awe and wonder' which will allow candidates to fully appreciate and learn from the world around.

- ✓ Discussion
- ✓ Personalised and independent learning

- ✓ Group work and pair work
- ✓ Reading
- ✓ Writing
- ✓ Fieldwork Investigation/fieldwork

This is encouraged through enquiry-based learning of physical and human geography in discrete, self-contained topic areas

How your work will be assessed

A range of regular formative and summative assessments will be used