

**GEOGRAPHY A-LEVEL (2016+)**  
**EXAMINATION BOARD: AQA**

**A-Level (Year 12-13 Linear course)**

**Course Content**

**Unit 1: Physical Geography**

- **Section A:** Water and carbon cycles
- **Section B:** either Hot desert systems and landscapes or Coastal systems and landscapes or Glacial systems and landscapes
- **Section C:** either Hazards or Ecosystems under stress

**Unit 2: Human Geography**

**Section A:** Global systems and global governance

**Section B:** Changing places

**Section C:** either Contemporary urban environments or Population and the environment or Resource security

**Unit 3: Geographical Investigation**

Students complete an individual investigation which must include data collected in the field. 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.

**COURSE MAP**

**Year 12:**

- Changing Places (Unit 2)
- Coastal Systems (Unit 1)
- Hazards (Unit 1)
- Fieldwork & NEA prep (Unit 3)

**Year 13:**

- Water & Carbon Cycle (Unit 1)
- Global systems and global (Unit 2)
- Population & environment (Unit 2)

**Assessment**

**Unit 1:**

A written examination paper, 2 hrs. 30 worth 120 marks which consists of structured short and extended questions which refer to the specific topics studied in this unit. (40% of A-level)

**Questions**

- **Section A:** answer all questions (36 marks)
- **Section B:** answer either question 2 or question 3 or question 4 (36 marks)
- **Section C:** answer either question 5 or question 6 (48 marks)

Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response and extended prose

**Unit 2:**

A written examination paper, 2 hrs. 30 worth 120 marks which consists of structured short and extended questions which refer to the specific topics studied in this unit. (40% of A-level)

**Questions**

- **Section A:** answer all questions (36 marks)
- **Section B:** answer all questions (36 marks)
- **Section C:** answer either question 3 or question 4 or question 5 (48 marks)

Question types: multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response and extended prose

**Unit 3:**

- 3,000–4,000 words
- 60 marks
- 20% of A-level
- marked by teachers
- moderated by AQA

**EXAMINATION DATES**

**No public exams until 2018**

**Current Assessment takes place every 6 weeks**

**Mock exams to take place internally:**

March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (dates tbc)