

# AS/A2 Geography

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Geography is about the natural world and the place of people within it. The study of Geography involves developing a curious, questioning approach to your world either at the local, national or global level. The post-16 Geography course encourages students to focus on current major global issues. It is essential therefore that you keep up to date with current news events and are aware of what is going on in your world.

There are two units in year 12 and two in year 13. All students will be required to attend fieldwork visits in order to prepare for the exams. The outline of the course is below:

## AS Unit 1: Global Challenges

Topic 1: World at risk

1. Global hazards
2. global hazard trends
3. global hazard patterns
4. Climate change and its causes
5. Impacts of global warming
6. Coping with climate change
7. The challenge of global hazards for the future

Topic 2: Going Global

1. Globalisation
2. Global groupings
3. Global networks
4. Roots (the dynamics of population change)
5. On the move
6. World cities and urbanisation
7. Global challenges for the future

## AS Unit 2: Geographical Investigations

Topic 1: Extreme Weather

1. Extreme weather watch
2. Extreme impacts
3. Increasing risks
4. Managing extreme weather

Topic 3: Unequal spaces

1. Recognising inequality
2. Inequality for whom
3. Managing rural inequalities
4. Managing urban inequalities

Topic 2: Crowded Coasts

1. Competition for coasts
2. Coping with pressure
3. Increasing risks
4. Coastal management

Topic 4: Rebranding Places

1. Time to rebrand
2. Rebranding strategies
3. Managing rural rebranding
4. Managing urban rebranding

## A2 Unit 3: Contested Planet

Topic 1: Energy Security

1. Energy supply, demand and security
2. The impacts of energy security
3. Energy security and the future

Topic 4: Superpower Geographies

1. Superpowers and geopolitics
2. The role of superpowers
3. Superpower futures

Topic 2: Water Conflicts

1. The geography of water supply
2. The risk of water security
3. Water conflicts and the future

Topic 5: Bridging the development gap

1. The causes of the development gap
2. The consequences of the development gap
3. Reducing the development gap

Topic 3: Biodiversity under threat

1. Valuing biodiversity
2. Biodiversity threats
3. Managing biodiversity

Topic 6: The technological fix

1. The geography of technology
2. Technology and development
3. Technology, environment and the future

## A2 Unit 4: Geographical Research

Option 1: Tectonic activity and hazards

Option 2: Cold environments: landscapes and change

Option 3: Life on the margins and food supply

Option 4: The geography of culture, people & places

Option 5: Pollution & human health at risk

Option 6: Consuming the rural landscape, leisure & tourism