



A LEVEL

Geography

Course overview

There has never been a better or more important time to study A Level Geography. Contemporary geography is a subject which explores the relationship between human populations and their physical environment at a variety of scales from the local to the global. With growing interest in issues such as climate change, migration, environmental degradation and social cohesion, geography is one of the most relevant courses you could choose to study. It is also a robust academic subject which is well-regarded by universities and employers. Geography is recognised as both a science and as a humanities subject which means it opens many doors and closes none, whilst providing an excellent bridge between diverse subject choices.

Course content

AQA A Level Geography is a balance of human and physical geography with environmental issues and key geographical debates as running themes throughout the course. Some of the key features of the new course include:

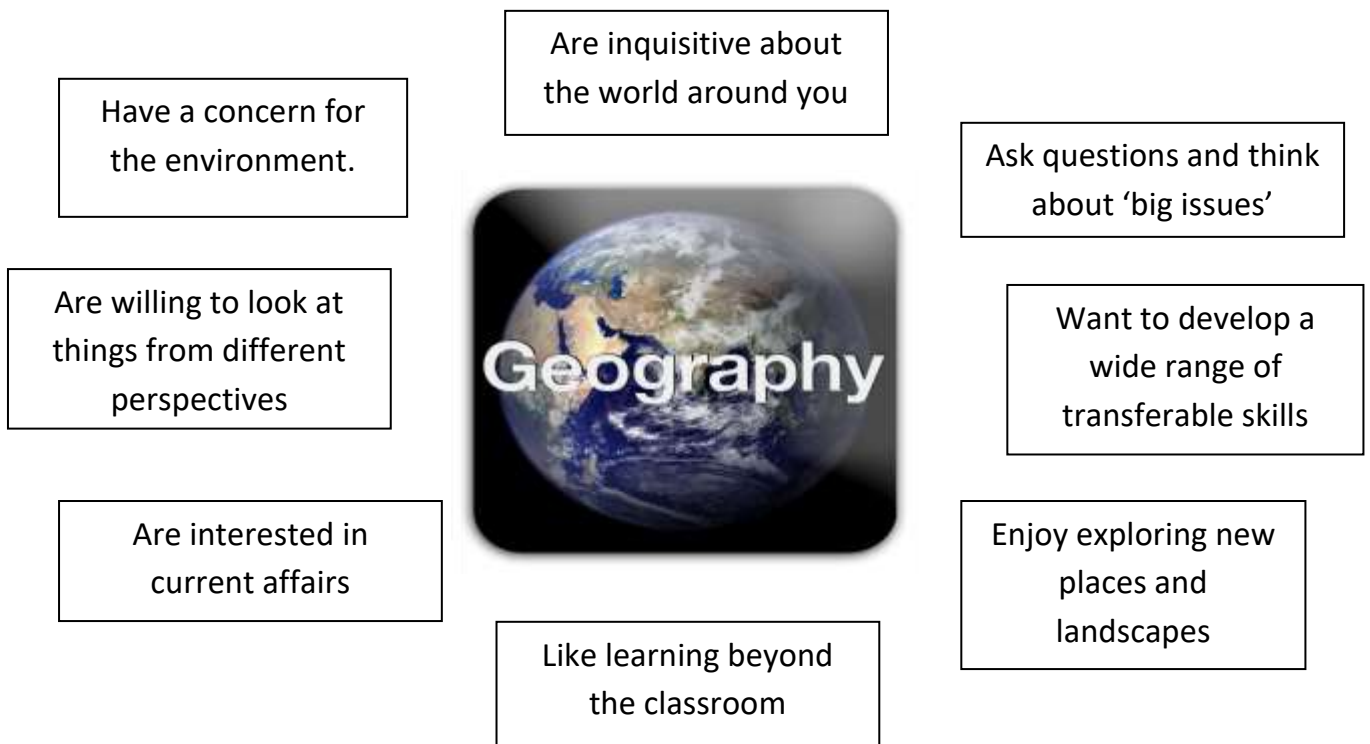
- Three physical themes: **Landscape systems** (Coastal); **Global Systems** (Water/Carbon cycles) and **Hazards**.
- Three human themes: **Global governance**; **Changing places** and **Contemporary urban environments**.
- Geographical skills will be integrated into the course, such as, data manipulation, cartographic skills, statistical analysis and decision making.

Assessment

	Paper 1	Paper 2	NEA
Content	Physical Geography: Natural hazards Water and carbon cycles Coastal landscapes	Human Geography: Urban Issues Global governance Changing places	Geography fieldwork investigation 3,000 – 4,000 words.
Structure	Structured questions and extended prose questions.	Structured questions and extended prose questions.	An individual investigation from any part of the syllabus.
Weighting	40%	40%	20%



You should consider A Level Geography if you:



Where to Next?

Degree Courses	Careers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicine or Veterinary Science • Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths • Environmental Science, Geology or Natural Sciences • Economics or Business Studies • Law or History • Psychology, Criminology or Sociology • Town planning, Urban planning or Architecture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Scientist or Environmental Manager • Researcher or Market researcher • International aid worker or Diplomat • Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Officer or Geoscientist • Surveyor or Risk analyst • Urban planner or Landscape architect • Tourism officer or Travel consultant • Solicitor, Economist, Politician!

Entry Requirements

There are no additional entry requirements to study A level Geography at BRGS, you can choose Geography even if you have not studied it at GCSE level. You just need to meet the general BRGS entry requirements, have a positive attitude and be interested in understanding the world around you.

“The study of geography is about more than just memorizing places on a map. It's about understanding the complexity of our world, appreciating the diversity of cultures that exists across continents. And in the end, it's about using all that knowledge to help bridge divides and bring people together.”

Barack Obama