

# Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form



**AQA 7037**

A Level Geography  
Induction 2026-2027

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*"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***

## Our mission statement:

Geography is one of the most exciting subjects to study. We live in an interdependent world caught up in chains of events which span the globe. We depend upon an increasingly fragile physical environment, whose complex interactions require sophisticated analysis and sensitive management. These issues present intellectual and practical challenges of the first importance and they are amongst the central problems of modern geography.

We aim to offer you a challenging and relevant course of study, whether as a foundation for further study in geography in higher education, a facilitating subject to a particular vocation or just to contribute to your general knowledge and skillset. We aim to help you develop an understanding of the inter-relationships between people and their environments, and of the opportunities, challenges and constraints that face people in different places and environments and for you to clarify and develop your own values and attitudes in relation to contemporary geographical issues and questions.

# Course Outline **AQA 7037**

This qualification is linear. Linear means that students will sit all their exams and submit all their non-exam assessment at the end of the course.

The A Level Geography content is divided into three components- Physical and Human Geography exam papers plus Individual Investigation.

## **Component 1**

In Physical Geography, your subject knowledge and understanding in key environments is developed.

Section A: Water and carbon

Section B: Coastal systems and landscapes

Section C: Hazards

## **Component 2**

In Human Geography, fundamentals of population, politics and economics in human geography are addressed with an emphasis on change and development over space and time and their geographical implications

Section A: Global systems and global governance

Section B: Changing places

Section C: Contemporary Urban Environments

## **Component 3**

### **Individual Investigation (Coursework Project) 20% of total A Level marks**

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.



# What to expect

You will have mainly 1 teacher for Year 12 and two teachers during Year 13 A level. In Year 13 your hours for geography will be split evenly between the two teachers, resulting in five hours per fortnight with each. Both teachers will work somewhat independently from each other. Both will set homework in the same week and each will set their own assessments.

You will need either two folders or a folder that is very clearly separated across the two elements of the subject. **These folders will need to be kept well organised over the two years to ensure nothing is lost before the exam period.**

The structure of the course will look as follows:

## Year 12

	<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Summer Term</b>
<b>Human</b>	Changing Places	Global Governance	Revision & NEA prep
<b>Physical</b>	Water and Carbon Cycles	Coastal Systems and Landscapes	Revision & NEA prep

## Year 13

	<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Summer Term</b>
<b>Human</b>	NEA launch  Finish Global systems and Global Governance	Contemporary Urban environments	Revision
<b>Physical</b>	Hazards: Tectonic Hazards	Hazards: Atmospheric Hazards	Revision

You will also have one session a fortnight from the spring term of Year 12 to work on your independent investigation project. This project will be entirely your own and different from those of everyone else in the class. You will need to come up with a project title, plan and carry out the research yourself.

**The work during the sixth form will require a significant increase in the amount of independent work being done at home, whether that is pre-reading, online research or completion of practice questions in your own time. The work that you do during lessons at A Level is not enough on its own to achieve A-A\* grades and extra effort at home is essential.**

# The Geography Scrapbook

You will be expected to keep a scrapbook to evidence your reading of the news and other current affairs. Once a week you will need to present your scrapbook and show articles or clippings that you have found that relate to the geography syllabus. Scrapbooks must be kept neat, organised and annotated as they will provide useful case studies and examples from places other than the textbook and lesson information.



## Social Media

As well as the news there are a number of social media accounts that the department encourages you to follow across the various social media platforms. By doing this you will see useful and up to date geographical examples from reliable sources whenever you are scrolling. The following list is a start but is by no means comprehensive of all the geography related social media accounts that are out there.

- The Economist
- The World Economic Forum
- Gapminder
- The Guardian
- Al Jazeera
- National Geographic
- BBC News
- Mapgenius
- Geogabout
- A Map A Day
- Save The Children
- World Health Organisation
- Oxfam
- Internet Geography
- BBC Earth
- World Wildlife Fund

# General Reading and Resources

**Textbooks** The following textbooks exist for the AQA course A Level Geography course. It is recommended that you purchase a textbook from the list. In order to achieve the highest grades, you cannot just rely on the textbook as wider reading is essential to the course.

**They are now available very cheaply on e-bay or other second hand sites**

AQA A-level Geography Fourth Edition  
Authors: Malcolm Skinner, Paul Abbiss, Phil Banks,  
Helen Fyfe,  
Ian  
Whittaker

**Publisher: Hodder Education**

ISBN-13: 9781471858697 Price: £35.99

**You will have FREE access to both of these books below**

**Online**

AQA AS and A-level Physical Geography Student Book

Authors: Simon Ross, Tim Bayliss, Lawrence Collins & Alice Griffiths

**Publisher: Oxford University Press**

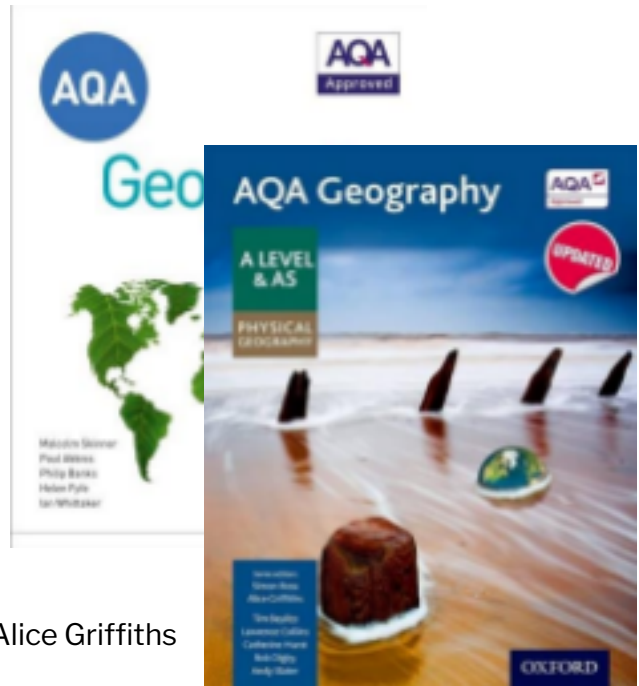
ISBN-13: 978-0-19-836651-5 Price: £23.00

● AQA AS and A-level Human Geography Student Book

Authors: Simon Ross, Tim Bayliss, Lawrence Collins & Alice Griffiths

**Publisher: Oxford University Press**

ISBN-13: 978-0-19-836654-6 Price: £23.00



## Websites

Other useful sources of reading will be websites and journals. Many journals are open source online and can be found through the scholar function of google.

**Other websites that may be useful for information or revision are below:**

<https://www.tutor2u.net/geography>

<https://www.coolgeography.co.uk/>

<https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/geography-level-revision>

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/geography-revision/a-level-aqa/>

**General Resources & Links -**

<https://dredfern.substack.com/>

<https://data.worldbank.org/>

<https://www.earthdata.nasa.gov/topics/human-dimensions/natural-hazards>