



Gordon's  
Sixth Form

# Geography

*AS Level and A Level*

## AS Geography

All students will be expected to study for the new stand-alone AS Geography in their first year. Like all the other A Levels this will not count towards the A Level grade.

### Unit 1: Dynamic landscapes

Includes coastal systems and management as well as tectonic and other hazards and their impact on societies.

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 90 marks
- 50% of AS

### Unit 2: Dynamic places

A focus on human geography on an international scale including the study of globalisation. Reshaping places also offers a fascinating focus on urban and rural geography.

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 90 marks
- 50% of AS

### Fieldwork

Gordon's has a strong history of 'in the field' research and this continues today. We currently conduct a four day residential trip to the Isle of Wight at A Level and plan further expeditions to add value to our learning and to reinforce learnt knowledge and skills—included within paper 1 and 2.

## A Level Geography

### Unit 1: Dynamic landscapes

Including the study of water and carbon cycles (rivers and the atmosphere) as well examining student's knowledge of coastal geography and hazards from last year to a higher standard.

- Written exam: 2 hours 15 minutes
- 105 marks
- 30% of A-level



### Unit 2: Dynamic places

A fascinating study into the nature of change across places economically, demographically and culturally as well as building upon the previous year's global studies. Also topics on resource usage and related conflicts.

- Written exam: 2 hours 15 minutes
- 105 marks
- 30% of A Level

### Unit 3: Synoptic paper

An investigation into all aspects of geography you will have studies with questions based upon a resource booklet - 20% of A Level

### Geographical Investigation

A fieldwork project using the field trip data. Work can be completed at home and the result will be both something the students are proud of as well as 20% towards their A Level!

- 3,000–4,000 words
- 70 marks
- 20% of A-level

## Is this the right subject for me?

**The Advanced GCE in Geography will appeal to you if:**

- You want to study a subject that connects science and arts at University (eg Geo-engineering)
- You are curious about the world's places,

peoples and environments.

- You like asking questions and finding answers.
- You are interested in local, regional and global issues.
- You have the ability to think independently.
- You wish to explore human, physical and environmental geographical relationships.
- You can complete practical work outside.
- You want to keep your options open—it links well with many other arts and science courses.
- You want to learn a wide range of skills.
- You are a hard worker.

### Entry criteria

- The Geography department requires students to have a GCSE 'B' grade from the Higher Tier paper.
- A good level of English is also necessary.



### Results

<b>2015:</b>	<b>AS</b> 76% A-B	<b>A2</b> 100% A-C (78% A-B)
<b>2016:</b>	<b>AS</b> 60% A, 92% A-C	<b>A2</b> 100% A-C (92% A-B)
<b>2017:</b>	<b>AS</b> 69% A-B	<b>A Level</b> 44 % A*-A
<b>2018:</b>		<b>A Level</b> 100% A-C (83% A-B)

### Careers

The range of job opportunities and degree courses that Geography A Level students can move into are both wide in variety but also subject specific. Geography is a **FACILITATING AND PREFERRED SUBJECT** by the top universities. Here are some degree courses that previous students have gone onto:

Oceanography	Southampton
Human or Physical Geography	Bristol
Geography with Global Business	Nottingham
Geography and Sport	Loughborough
Geography and International Studies	QMC
Geography and Archaeology	Exeter
Geophysical Hazards	Edinburgh
Geology	Imperial College
Environmental Studies	Reading
Palaeo-environmental climates	Exeter

*“Geography has the massive advantage of offering a wide variety of skills that employers look for”.*

Geography opens up the door to a range of job opportunities—Here are a just a few of the careers that Geography students have gone on to follow:

- Banking and accountancy
- Surveying and planning
- Environmental health
- Retail management
- Geology
- Geophysics
- Engineering
- Law



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