

# SUBJECT GUIDE: GEOGRAPHY

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## Entry Requirement

6 in GCSE Geography

## Specification

AQA A Level Geography (7037)

## Course Outline (modules, weighting, topics etc)

Physical Geography - 2 hours 30 minutes; 40%

A - Water cycle and carbon cycle

B - Coasts

C - Hazards (volcanoes, earthquakes, tropical storms and wildfires)

Human Geography - 2 hours 30 minutes; 40%

A - Global systems and governance (including politics of Antarctica, the United Nations, globalisation and international trade)

B - Changing places (taught through the study of Oxford and a contrasting place)

C - Contemporary urban environments (including urbanisation, urban climate, and sustainable urban development)

Geography Fieldwork Investigation - Non Examined Assessment; 20%

Investigation topic to be decided by students with teacher guidance. Students will complete an independent investigation collecting data in the field. Assessment will be through a 3,000-4,000 word write up.

## Why study Geography at The Swan?

Swan geographers are encouraged to develop their understanding of the complex world around them, by learning about complex issues and relevant case studies, from different perspectives. As an interdisciplinary subject, studying Geography at A-level enhances students' understanding of the relationship between physical science and the human world. Students studying A-level Geography will be provided a mentor within the Geography department who will provide individualised guidance on the non examined assessment, in addition to the guidance provided in lessons. Students will be encouraged to choose their own investigation topic, allowing them to focus on a topic from the specification they have particular interest in. Students will learn how to use peer-reviewed research to write their investigative report. Data for the investigation will be collected on a residential field trip at the end of Year 12 or beginning of Year 13. Students will complete a minimum of four days of fieldwork throughout the course.

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