

# Workington Academy - Sixth Form

## Subject: Geography

### Why you should study Geography

Contemporary Geography is a subject which explicitly engages with the relationship of human populations to each other over space and time and their relationship with their physical environment at a variety of scales from the local to the global. There has never been a better or more important time to study Geography. 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. Geographers are also highly employable. Whatever your passion for the world - fascination with landscapes or concerns about inequality Geography will provide you with knowledge and transferable skills that will reward you personally and advance you professionally.

### Examination Board: AQA

### Course Content

#### AS Geography

##### **Component 1: Physical Geography and People and the Environment.**

**Section A:** *either* Water and Carbon Cycles **or** Hot Desert Environments and their Margins **or** Coastal Systems and Landscapes.

**Section B:** *either* Hazards **or** Contemporary Urban Environments.

How it's assessed: written exam (1 hour 30 minutes), 80 marks, 50% of AS.

##### **Component 2: Human Geography and Geography Fieldwork Investigation**

**Section A:** *either* Global Systems and Global Governance **or** Changing Places.

**Section B:** Geography Fieldwork Investigation and Geographical Skills.

How it's assessed: written exam (1 hour 30 minutes), 80 marks, 50% of AS.

#### A2 Geography

##### **Component 1: Physical Geography**

**Section A:** Water and Carbon Cycles

**Section B:** *either* Hot Desert Environments and their Margins **or** Coastal Systems and Landscapes.

**Section C:** *either* Hazards **or** Ecosystems under stress **or** Cold Environments.

How it's assessed: written exam (2 hours 30 minutes), 96 marks, 40% of A-Level.

##### **Component 2: Human Geography**

**Section A:** Global Systems and Global Governance

**Section B:** Changing Places

**Section C:** *either* Contemporary Urban Environments **or** Population and the Environment **or** Resource Security.

How it's assessed: Written exam (2 hours 20 minutes), 96 marks, 40% of A-Level.

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## Component 3: Geographical Investigation

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.

How it's assessed:

- 3000-4000 words
- 35 marks
- 20% of A-Level
- Marked by teachers, moderated by AQA.

## Skills Developed, Progression and Possible Future Careers

- You will observe the world as an integrated system. You will develop skills which will enable you to observe, describe, analyse, represent, interpret and report information about the world. You will investigate changes and stability in human and physical worlds, including the causes, rates and patterns of change and the prediction of change to the foreseeable future.
- Geography involves a variety of IT, field and laboratory analytical approaches including techniques such as Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and fieldwork is an integral part to most courses.
- You will develop skills and knowledge that will allow you to follow a variety of career paths. You may choose a route directly associated with Geography e.g. *Town and Transport Planning; Chartered Surveying; Land and Water Management; Sustainability; Environmental Consultancy; Development; Tourism; Conservation; Demography; Housing and Social Welfare*. You may also choose a route which utilises the skills you develop through studying Geography e.g. *Information Technology; Administration and Management; the Financial Sector; Marketing; Research, and Industry and Manufacturing*.