



Abbey Gate College
Sixth Form



Geography

Why study Geography at A Level?

The world in which we live is likely to change more in the next 50 years than it has ever done before.

Geography explains why, and helps you prepare for these changes. Students enjoy the scope of material they cover in Geography, the insights it provides into understanding the world around us and the contemporary nature of the issues it tackles.

Many students go on to study Geography or related subjects at university.



Course Content



Geography is the study of the complex interactions and processes on or near the Earth's surface and Man's response to them. The AQA A Level Geography course is a two year linear qualification which consists of three main areas of study: Physical geography, Human geography and Geography fieldwork investigation. Topics taught in the Lower Sixth will be examined at the end of that year in AS Level examinations, although these results will not count towards the final A Level qualification.

A range of fieldwork is undertaken at A Level, when students receive instruction in data collection and presentation techniques, statistical analysis and the interpretation and evaluation of results. Fieldwork in the Sixth Form is completed during single day and residential field trips. The Department also regularly organises foreign field trips to destinations such as Iceland and the Swiss Alps.

Lower Sixth:

Physical geography

Hazards
Coastal systems and landscapes

Human Geography

Changing places
Geographical skills

Fieldwork

Two days of fieldwork
(one physical land one human)

Upper Sixth:

Physical Geography

Water and carbon cycles
Geographical investigation

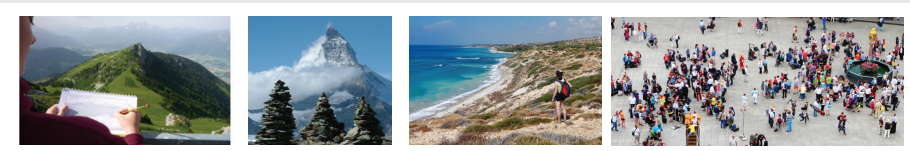
Human Geography

Contemporary urban environments
Global systems and governance

Fieldwork

Two days of fieldwork
(one physical land one human)

During the Upper Sixth, students will complete an individual investigation which must include data collected in the field. The investigation must be based on part of the specification, should be between 3000 - 4000 words and is worth 20% of the A Level. At the end of the year students will complete two final written papers.



SKILLS
obtained by
studying
Geography:

- Statistical reasoning skills
- Summarise and write concise reports
- Handle and analyse a variety of data
- Organise themselves
- Think creatively and flexibly
- Work independently
- Socially, environmentally and economically aware
- Computer literate
- Good team players