

Geography

Awarding Body: Students follow the AQA AS and A2 GCE courses.

Course Content and Examination Requirements

All candidates will study core human and physical geography. In each area of study candidates will consider their own values and attitudes to the issues being studied and support their learning of ideas through the study of specific case studies. Candidates will also develop a variety of geographical skills, which will broaden and deepen existing knowledge.

Year 12	Year 13
AS Level Units	A2 units leading to full Advanced GCE
<p>Unit 1: Physical and Human Geography Subject Content: Physical Geography Core – Rivers, Floods and Management Options – at least 1 from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cold environments • Coastal environments • Hot desert environments <p>Human Geography Core – Population change Options – at least 1 from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food supply issues • Energy issues • Health issues <p>Structured short and extended questions 2 hour exam in June 70% of total AS marks</p>	<p>Unit 3 : Contemporary Geographical Issues Subject Content: Choose 3 options Physical options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plate tectonics • Weather and climate • Challenges facing ecosystems <p>Human options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World cities • Development and Globalisation • Contemporary conflicts <p>Structured short and extended questions and an essay 2 hour exam in June 30% Of total A level marks</p>
<p>Unit 2: Geographical Skills Subject Content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic, investigative, ICT, graphical, cartographical and statistical skills • Research skills and fieldwork <p>Structured skills and generic research/fieldwork questions 1 hour exam in January 30% of total AS marks</p>	<p>Unit 4: Geographical Fieldwork Investigation or Geographical Issue Evaluation</p> <p>Structured short and extended questions 1 hour 30 minutes 20% of total A level marks</p>

Comparison with GCSE

Previous knowledge of geography at GCSE is not really necessary. Students who have followed the GCSE course will notice a logical progression. Practical fieldwork remains important for both the physical and human geography components. Students will, therefore, be encouraged to undertake research tasks in the local area and participate in a residential field course. Fieldwork brings the theory of the classroom to life and is particularly enjoyable.

Relevance to Further Studies and Careers

As geography is one of the few subjects that really bridges the gap between the Arts and the Sciences it is therefore an ideal choice at AS level. It complements all subjects and allows students to develop Key Skills.

There is an astonishing variety of careers and areas of further study open to geographers. There are many areas of employment which require specialist geographers – town and country planning, landscape architecture, environmental management, nature conservation, tourist officers and surveyors.

It is true that after graduation many geographers do not use their degree directly. However, employers value the transferable skills geographers have acquired and developed in their course of study. Many students from St Anthony's are working in the Civil Service, Retailing and Marketing, Teaching and Lecturing, Accountancy, Law and the Travel and Tourism Industry.

Further Information: Is available from any Geography teacher.