



Year 12 information evening

A-Level Geography



Welcome



Geography is a popular A-Level subject at Queen Elizabeth's School and our students thoroughly enjoy the two year course. Our students are very successful in this subject and we pride ourselves on excellent exam results. Our field trips are always a highlight of the course and more information will follow on these which will hopefully begin to take place again in the spring. Locations include Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door, Chesil Beach, Studland sand dunes, Swanage, Corfe Castle village and Poundbury. During the A-Level we study a wide range of physical and human topics. Popular themes include Hazards, Climate Change, Coastal landscapes and Globalisation. The course is assessed by a mixture of two exams and one piece of coursework which comprises of an individual investigation. Details of this are on the slides to follow...





Expectations of our students

- Punctuality and attendance
- Students must catch up if you miss a lesson
- Homework set should be completed to a high standard
- Further reading is important
- Files and notes to be organised, accurate and detailed
- Contribute to research and class discussion



Course content



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Unit 1 – Physical Geography

- Water and Carbon Cycles
- Coastal Systems and Landscapes
- Hazards

Unit 2 – Human Geography

- Global systems and global governance
- Changing places
- Contemporary urban environments

Unit 3 – Geography Fieldwork Investigation

- Students will 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 students, relating to any part of the specification content and will need to be 3,000-4,000 words in length



Assessment and exams



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| Description | Unit Code | Weighting | Nature of Assessment | Date |
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| Physical Geography | Unit 1 | 40% of A Level | 2 ½ hour examination – multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response and extended prose which are worth 20 marks | May/June 2024 |
| Human Geography | Unit 2 | 40% of A Level | 2 ½ hour examination – multiple-choice, short answer, levels of response and extended prose which are worth 20 marks | June 2024 |
| Geography Fieldwork Investigation (NEA) | Unit 3 | 20% of A Level | Individual Geography Fieldwork investigation between 3,000 – 4,000 words. It is worth a total of 60 marks. The investigation will be marked by teachers and moderated by AQA | To be submitted in May 2024 |

Geographical skills

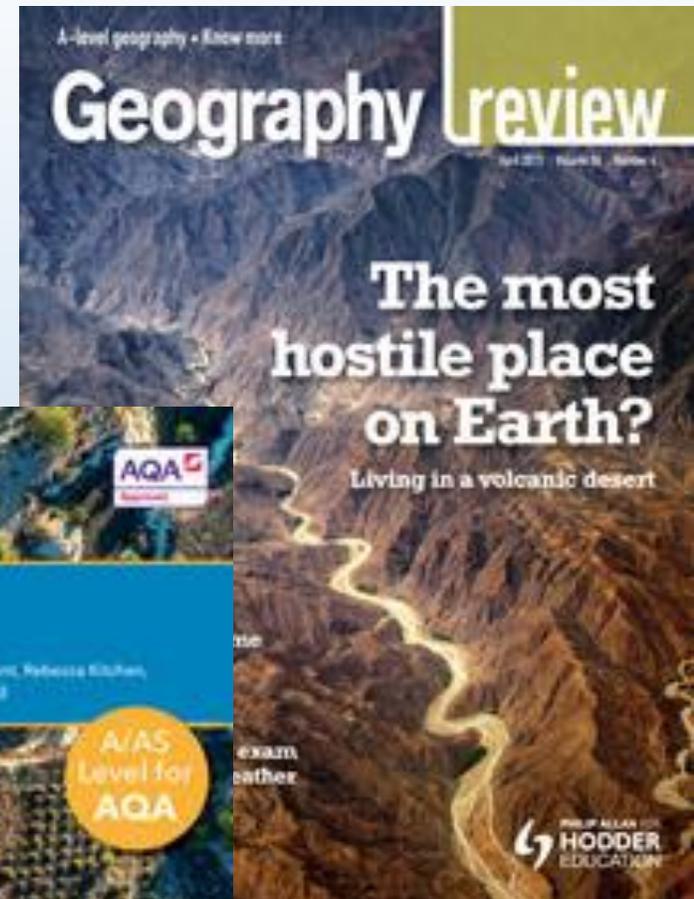
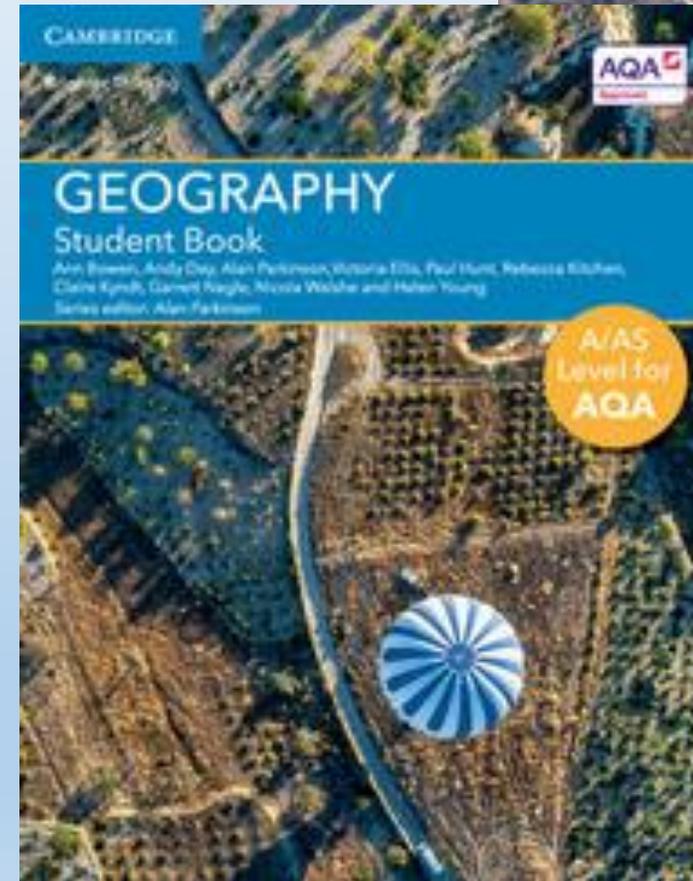
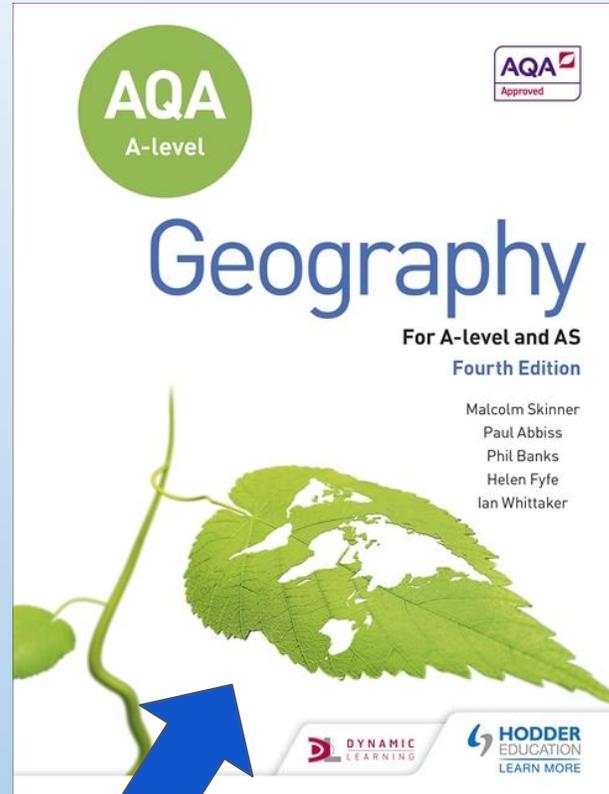
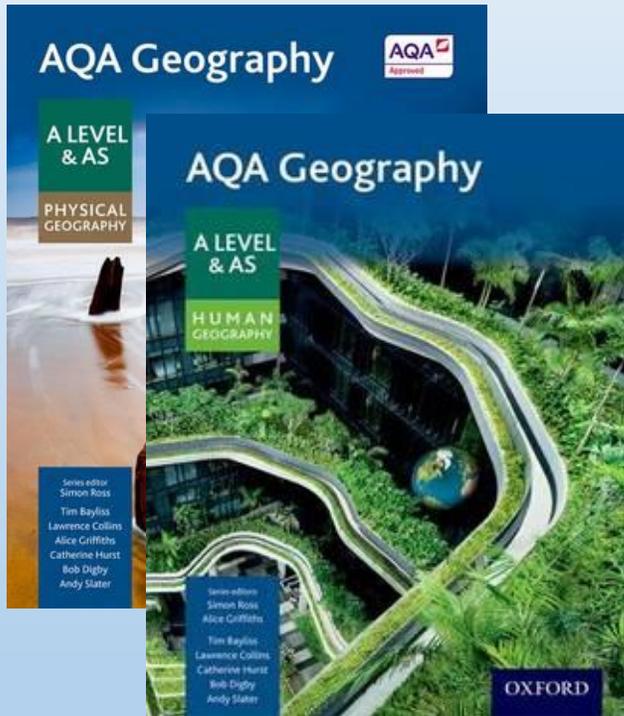
In Geography, alongside the key content, we cover a range of skills that students will need for their exams and their individual investigations, the skills are wide ranging, but they can be grouped into the following categories:

- Core skills (eg. annotation, sketching, diagrams)
- Map skills (eg. weather maps, isoline maps, choropleth maps)
- Graphical skills (eg. line, bar, pie, scatter, triangular graphs)
- Statistical skills (eg. measures of central tendency and dispersion, Spearman's rank and Chi-Square test)
- ICT skills (eg. remotely sensed data, electronic databases, presenting data using maps/graphs)

Field trips

Fieldwork is a compulsory element of the A-Level Geography. Students must undertake at least 4 days of fieldwork to meet the course requirements.

Textbooks and resources



We recommend this one

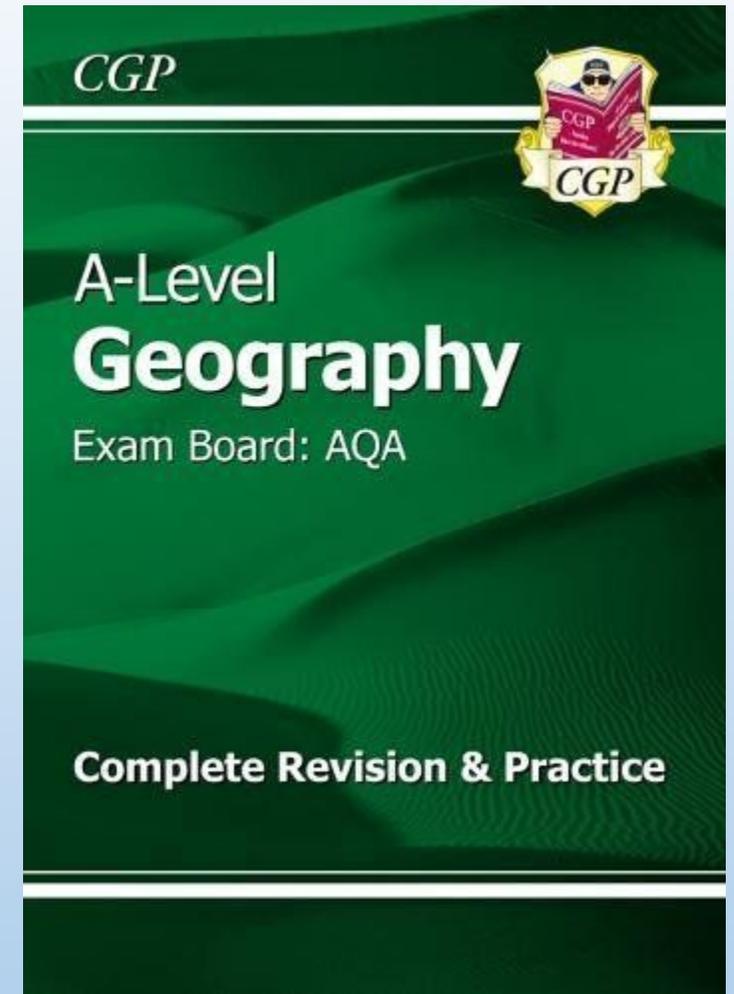
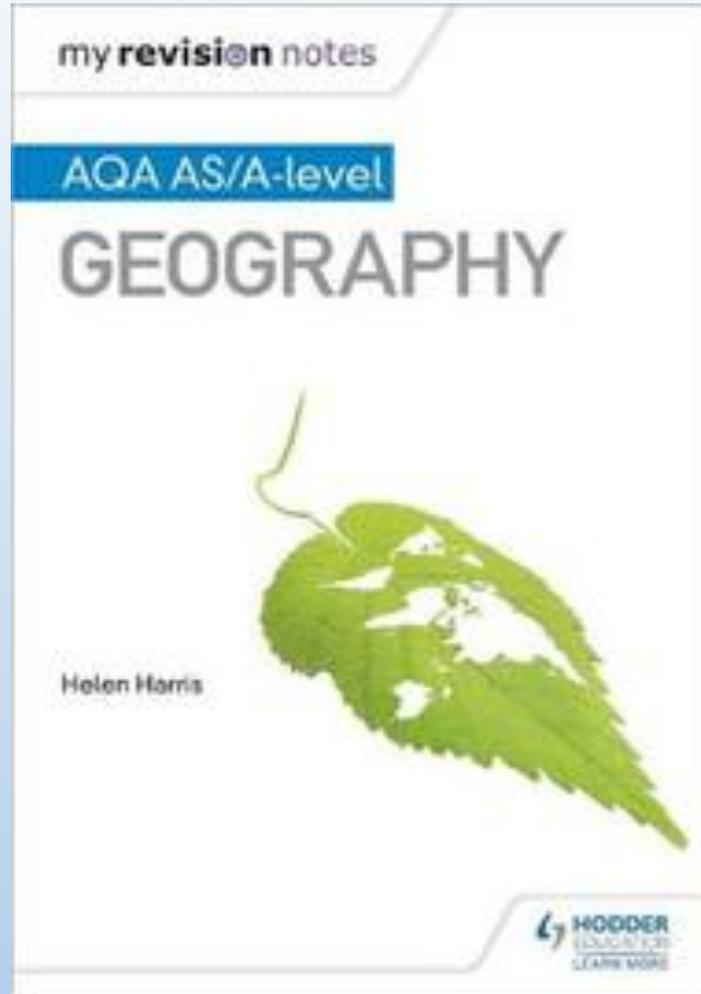
<https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/subjects/geography/products/16-18/aqa-a-level-geography>

Revision guides

Both of these revision guides are excellent.

<https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/subjects/geography/products/16-18/my-revision-notes-aqa-a-level-geography>

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/as-and-a-level/geography/gar73-new-as-and-a-level-geography-aqa-complete>



General advice for our students

- One hour of independent study for every one hour lesson in school
- Ensure folders are well organised
- Further reading
- Keep up to date with relevant information by reading magazines such as the Geography Review and watching the news for recent events that might link to the course
- Gain extended knowledge and understanding by attending the GA conferences
- Keep on top of the NEA – this should be completed in the summer term
- Participate actively in lessons and enjoy the work!



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Useful websites

- <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-7037>



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Any questions?

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