



Sandwell Academy

Advanced General Certificate of Education (AS and A2) GEOGRAPHY

WHY GEOGRAPHY?

You will benefit from having an interest in the world around you, be it curiosity about how a landscape has formed, or an interest in how a community might be affected by trans-national corporations. You need to be prepared to leave the classroom and see for yourself what is going on!

The world we live in is changing. Geography allows you to see why and how it is changing. Geography will challenge your perceptions and stimulate your investigative and analytical skills. It can enhance communication skills, literacy and numeracy, team working, problem solving and environmental awareness.

The Advanced GCE in Geography will appeal to you if:

- you are curious about the world's places, peoples and environments
- you like asking questions and finding answers
- you are interested in local, regional and global issues
- you have the ability to think independently
- you wish to explore human, physical and environmental geographical relationships.

Geographers develop enquiry, decision making, fieldwork and research skills, which will prepare them well for Higher Education courses or a wide range of career choices. They also learn to appreciate the significance of human values in decision making and to think critically on a range of issues.

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Grade 6 in GCSE English
- Grade 6 in GCSE Geography

COURSE DETAILS

AQA A-Level Geography 7037

Unit 1: Physical Geography Examination unit **Externally assessed**

In this unit you will study a range of topics including Hazards, Coastal Systems, Water and the Carbon Cycle.

Unit 2: Human Geography

Examination unit

Externally assessed

In this unit you will study a range of topics including Global Systems and Governance, Contemporary Environments, and Resource Security.

As part of the AS course you will also participate in 2 days of fieldwork.

At **A2 level** you will learn how the world is contested and develop practical research skills in your chosen area.

Unit 3: Geographic Investigation

3,000 - 4,000 word essay

Marked by teachers and moderated by AQA.

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.

This information is liable to change as the specification has yet to be accredited by Ofqual. If changes occur students will be notified.