

**SUBJECT: Geography**

**EXAM BOARD: AQA**



**Course  
Overview**

**Units**

**Year 12**

**Human Geography**

*Contemporary Urban Environments:*

A study into urban growth and change which are seemingly ubiquitous processes and present significant environmental and social challenges for human populations.

*Changing Places:*

This unit focuses on people's engagement with places, their experience of them and the qualities they ascribe to them, all of which are of fundamental importance in their lives.

**Physical Geography**

*Hazards:*

A study of a range of different hazards such as tectonic, seismic, meteorological and wildfire. It will look at their causes, effects and how humans can reduce their impacts.

*Coastal systems and landscapes:*

This focuses on dynamic environments in which landscapes develop by the interaction of winds, waves and currents. We develop an informed appreciation of the beauty and diversity of coasts and their importance as human habitats.

**Year 13:**

**Human Geography**

*Global Governance:*

A study of globalisation and the economic, political and social changes associated with technological and other driving forces which have been a key feature of the global economy and society in recent decades.

**Physical Geography**

*Carbon and Water Cycles:*

A study of the major dynamic cyclical relationships and processes on our planet. You will appreciate their magnitude and their significance at a variety of scales to human populations.

**Non-Examined Assessment (NEA):**

20% of the overall grade is produced through a 4000 word independent investigation into a Geographical theme or issue of your choice. Each title is individual so you will pick a title of your own choice. There is a compulsory fieldtrip in Year 12 where you will collect your data.

<p><b>Useful websites</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.peopleandplanet.org.uk">www.peopleandplanet.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.un.org">www.un.org</a> <a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk">www.environment-agency.gov.uk</a> <a href="http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook">www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook</a> <a href="http://www.worldmapper.com">www.worldmapper.com</a> <a href="http://www.gapminder.org">www.gapminder.org</a></p>
<p><b>Essential textbooks and reading list</b></p>	<p>These are all suggestions (do <b>not</b> feel the need to buy)</p> <p>AQA A-Level Geography Fourth Edition – 4<sup>th</sup> Edition – Ian Whittaker et al. 2016</p> <p>A-Level Geography: AQA Year 1&amp;2 Complete Revision &amp; Practice – CGP Books</p> <p>AQA Geography A-Level &amp; AS: Human Geography Student Book – Paperback – Simon Ross et al. 2016</p> <p>AQA Geography A-Level &amp; AS: Physical Geography Student Book – Paperback - Simon Ross et al. 2016</p>