

At All Saints Academy Dunstable, our Key Stage 5 Geography curriculum aligns with the AQA specifications to provide a robust and stimulating educational experience to support our students to live together in 'dignity, faith and hope'. Geography, as a subject, helps enrich our students' cultural capital and broadens their horizons to help them understand the increasingly complex world around them. Building on KS3 and KS4, where students are instilled with the knowledge of physical and human geography, at KS5, students begin to develop a more holistic and deeper understanding of these geographical elements. Their capacity for independent inquiry is extended so that they develop to become culturally and scientifically aware of the broader and more nuanced aspects of geography as a discipline.

Substantive

The AQA A-level Geography specification encourages the integration of physical and human geography. In particular, we focus on the water and carbon cycle, global governance, coasts, urban development and hazards. Students will engage with a range of primary and secondary sources, honing the skills necessary to succeed in the AQA examinations.

Disciplinary

Our curriculum is designed to systematically prepare students for AQA A-level Geography examinations, ensuring familiarity with the assessment structure and question types. Mock examinations, regular assessments, and targeted exam practice are integral components of our teaching approach to facilitate examination readiness. AQA A-level Geography assessments require strong written communication skills. Our curriculum places a significant emphasis on essay writing and extended responses, aligning with the AQA assessment criteria. Students will receive guidance and support to effectively communicate complex geographical ideas in a coherent and structured manner.