

A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

Why study Geography?

This A Level offers an issues-based approach to studying Geography, enabling you to explore and evaluate contemporary geographical questions and issues such as the consequences of globalisation, responses to hazards, water insecurity and climate change. You will have the opportunity to develop an in-depth understanding of physical and human Geography, the complexity of people and environment questions and issues and to become critical, reflective and independent learners. We will encourage you to make links between different geographical themes, ideas and concepts through synoptic themes embedded in the compulsory content.

What do I study and how will I be assessed?

The course is assessed through 3 external assessments and 1 non-examined assessment.

Paper 1 – 2 hours (30% of qualification) Areas of study: Topic 1: Tectonic Processes and Hazards Topic 2: Landscape Systems, Processes and Change – Coastal landscapes and change Topic 5: The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity Topic 6: The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security Topic 7: Climate Change Futures

Paper 2 – 2 hours (30% of qualification) Areas of study: Topic 3: Globalisation Topic 4: Shaping Places – regenerating places Topic 8: Superpowers Topic 9: Global Development and Connections – health, human rights and intervention.

Paper 3 – 1 hour 45mins (20% of qualification): This is a written examination involving a resource booklet that contains information about a geographical issue.

Coursework – (20% of qualification): You will define a question or issue for investigation, relating to the compulsory or optional content. The topic may relate to any aspect of geography contained within the specification. It will incorporate fieldwork data (collected individually or as part of a group) and your own research and/or secondary data. A Level students will have to complete a minimum of 4 days fieldwork.

What our students go on to study?

Geography is one of the ten facilitating subjects that are helpful to gain entry into a Russell Group University. A Level Geography can be accepted as either a science or an arts subject at universities. The skills developed throughout the course are transferable and helpful in a number of careers including urban planning, environmental, water resource and transport management and many IT roles requiring an understanding of GIS patterns.

Examining board

Edexcel

