



Geography



Overview of the course

Geography is an engaging and flexible course allowing you to study the relationships between human populations and their physical environments at a variety of stages from the local to the global.

You will consider your own role in relation to the key issues being studied as geography is relevant to all our lives. You will have the opportunity to engage in practical fieldwork activities, as well as class based activities. There are also occasional lecture events and guest speakers.

All exams will be assessed with reference to unseen resources and personal fieldwork.

There may be a cost involved in fieldwork.

Course Details and Assessment

Paper 1:

30% of A Level - 2 hour 15 minutes written examination
Short open, open response and resource-linked questions

Section A relates to Topic 1:

Tectonic Processes and Hazards.

Section B relates to Topic 2:

Landscape Systems, Processes and Change.

Students answer questions on either:

Topic 2A: Glaciated Landscapes and Change

or

Topic 2B: Coastal Landscapes and Change.

Section C relates to Topic 5 and 7:

The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity / The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security.

Paper 2:

30% of A Level - 2 hour 15 minutes written examination

Short open, open response and resource-linked questions

Section A relates to Topics 3 and 7:

Globalisation / Superpowers.

Section B relates to Topic 4:

Shaping Places. Students answer questions on either:

Topic 4A: Regenerating Places

or

Topic 4B: Diverse Places.

Section C relates to Topic 8:

Global Development and Connections. Students answer questions on either:

Topic 8A: Health, Human Rights and Intervention

or

Topic 8B: Migration, Identity and Sovereignty.

Paper 3:

20% of A Level - 2 hours 15 minutes written examination

Short open, open response and resource-linked questions

An issues-based approach to contemporary geographical themes, 3 topics, are examined:

- Players
- Attitudes and actions
- Futures and uncertainties

Coursework:

20% of A Level - Independent Investigation

The investigation report is internally assessed and externally moderated.

The student will produce a written report of 3000 – 4000 words.

Background Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade C or above including Mathematics and English. You will need a GCSE grade B or above in Geography.

Candidates who have not studied Geography at GCSE will be considered.

Students should be well motivated and have a genuine interest in the subject.

Skills Gained

Key skills are very much an integral part of the Geography A level course.

They include communications skills, team work, self-management, powers of analysis, literacy, problem posing and solving, computer literacy and spatial awareness.

Future Career Prospects

Geography is a subject with one of the highest rates of graduate employment, highly valued by employers for its combination of knowledge with competence in the key skills.

Geographers find work in travel and tourism, teaching, landscape, business planning and research and a variety of environmental roles.

For More Information

Students interested in following the A level Geography course, should contact the Head of Department.

Head of Department

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Syllabus

A Level – 9GE0

Exam Board

Edexcel

Website

Further details of this course can be found on the exam boards' website.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com>



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