



A Level Geography - Edexcel

Geography is offered at all schools across the Joint Sixth Form. Geography has a strong emphasis upon the study of contemporary issues, i.e. within the last 30 years. In particular, we look at the relationship of human populations to each other over space and time, and their relationship with their physical environment at a variety of scales from the local to the global. Geography also encourages the acquisition of a broad range of skills, many of which will be useful in later life.

A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY TOPICS

Physical Geography (Paper 1) 30% of the qualification:

Core: The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity
The Carbon Cycle and Energy Insecurity
Tectonic Processes and Hazards
Climate Change Futures

Options: Coastal Landscapes or Glaciated Landscapes

Human Geography (Paper 2) 30% of the qualification:

Core: Globalisation
Superpowers
Regenerating Places or Diverse Places

Options: Health, Human Rights and Intervention or Migration, Identity and Sovereignty

Issues Evaluation (Paper 3) 20% of the qualification:

This is a synoptic paper that will be based around core themes within the course. Students will need to evaluate an issue presented in a resource booklet within this written exam.

Independent Investigation 20% of the qualification:

This is an independent study based on fieldwork done during the course of the 2 years. It is done as a fieldwork report of approximately 3000-4000 words.

Students will be expected to present and analyse data collected during fieldwork and conclude on their own question. Students will work on this element throughout the duration of A Level Geography. This component is internally marked and externally moderated.

Fieldwork:

There will be a minimum of 4 days fieldwork done during the course. This may be local area studies or work done further-a-field. The fieldwork will comprise of both Physical and Human Geography and will be connected in part to the Independent Investigation unit.

FUTURE OPTIONS WITH GEOGRAPHY

Studying Geography A Level could lead to a variety of careers or further study due to the wide range of skills and topics studied. Common careers include accountancy, cartography, conservation, environmental and hazard management (e.g. flooding, forestry), law, management consultancy, meteorology, oceanography, teaching, town planning, traffic management. Most universities offer Geography or related subjects such as environmental studies, at a variety of grades.

ENTRY REQUIREMENT:

The minimum entry requirements for Level 3 academic study apply. In addition, a grade 6 in Geography GCSE is needed.