

The Course

This is an Edexcel A Level.

Paper 1: Physical Geography

- **Tectonic Processes and Hazards**

An exploration of the causes of tectonic hazards, the degree to which they can be managed, and how successful responses that can mitigate social and economic impacts can allow humans to adapt to hazard occurrence.

- **Coastal Landscapes and Change**

An exploration of how winds, waves and currents operate within a landscape system, interacting with prevailing lithological and geological characteristics. These landscapes are increasingly threatened from physical processes and human activities, thus we will investigate the need for holistic and sustainable management of these areas in all the world's coasts.

- **The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity**

An exploration of the water cycle across a variety of spatial scales and also at short and long term timescales, from global to local. The idea of water insecurity will also be analysed, as a global issue with serious consequences.

- **The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security**

An exploration of the carbon cycle, and how changes to carbon stores and fluxes are a result of physical and human processes. This topic will also delve into anthropogenic climate change, and the range of adaptation and mitigation strategies that could be used.

Paper 2: Human Geography

- **Globalisation**

An exploration of increasing globalisation and interdependence around the world, and the consequential unequal, environmental, and cultural impacts that may arise from this.

- **Regenerating Places**

An exploration of places as dynamic entities, understanding how they change over time, and the impact of regeneration schemes on individuals and communities.

- **Superpowers**

An exploration of how superpower dominance has changed over time, and the impact these changes have on global economy, global politics and the environment.





- **Migration, Identity and Sovereignty**

An exploration of how globalisation movements have led to international migration, and the impacts this has on global governance, of both national and global issues.

Paper 3: Synoptic Geography

The synoptic investigation will be based on a geographical issue within a place-based context, rooted in two or more of the compulsory content areas.

- **Investigative Geography (NEA)**

The non-examined assessment is an independent geographical investigation conducted by each candidate based on primary and secondary data. There will be a residential field course to support this element, to enable primary data collection.

Why study Geography?

If you pick up a newspaper you will be aware that much of what you read is directly related to the Geography you study in school. It is a subject that helps you to understand the issues that directly affect everyone, and it helps you to make informed decisions.

Geography encourages you to develop a wide range of graphic, numeric and written techniques. You will learn vital study skills of research, note-taking, presentation, use of ICT and analysis of data. These attributes make you highly sought after in the work place.

What can I do with a qualification in this subject?

Geography is an opening to a wide range of subjects including Law, Medicine and Accountancy. By studying Geography you will be encouraged to think deeply and laterally. You will learn to analyse, discuss, evaluate and justify ideas, problems and issues to become a successful independent learner.

What do I need to study Geography?

A minimum Grade 6 in GCSE Geography is required and a Grade 7 is strongly recommended. In addition, wide background reading, good essay writing technique and an interest in independent research are important.

A Level subject video available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mv0VaSasTTs>