

Geography – Edexcel

Geography is a dynamic subject, and is at the forefront of understanding many of the world's current events. It enables students to make sense of the world around them, as well as the forces that shape it. It is unique in bridging the social sciences with the natural sciences, and allows students to investigate the links between people and their environment on both a local and global scale. Geography encompasses the natural processes that shape the world, the cultural diversity of its inhabitants, and issues of environment, development and globalisation.

Course Content

Component 1 - Dynamic Landscapes and Physical Systems and Sustainability

In Year 1 you will study Tectonic Processes and Hazards and Landscape Systems, Processes and Change. In Year 2 you will study The Water Cycle & Water Insecurity and The Carbon Cycle & Energy Security (*worth 50% of AS or 30% of A Level*).

Component 2 - Dynamic Places and Human Systems and Geopolitics

In Year 1 you will study Globalisation and Shaping Places. In Year 2 you will study Superpowers and Global Development & Connections. (*worth 50% of AS or 30% of A Level*).

Component 3 - Synoptic Investigation of a Contemporary Geographical Issue

Based on a geographical issue within a place based context that links to the three synoptic themes and is rooted in two or more of the compulsory content areas. (*worth 20% of A Level*)

Component 4 - Independent Investigation (coursework)

A student-defined question or issue, relating to the compulsory content. The investigation will incorporate fieldwork data and own research and/or secondary data. (*worth 20% of A Level*).

Lesson Structure

Geography is taught by a friendly, well-qualified and experienced teaching team. We offer regular 1:1 and small group support, with a focus on exam technique to help ensure that all students achieve to their full potential. Students will have the opportunity to take part in fieldtrips, both locally and globally. Students will also gain practical experience and develop key skills which enhance their employability such as numeracy, literacy, environmental awareness and problem solving.

Extra information

Geography students tend to be good team workers, have the ability to think analytically and critically, and are highly computer literate. Ultimately, geography students will develop a global mind-set – they will understand different cultures and how industries work across borders. This global awareness will help students to succeed in an increasingly global world, and is a very desirable characteristic according to top employers.

Geography is highly valued by Universities as an A Level choice. The Russell Group report published names Geography as a key facilitating subject therefore will keep more options open to you at University. Geographers are employed in a wide range of sectors, including the public sector, education, commerce, industry, transport and tourism. It is a myth that geographers can only do certain types of jobs. Employers include: Meteorologist; geologist; mineral surveyor; oceanographer; Ordnance Survey; environmental consultant; ranger; forestry; National Trust; charity worker; urban development; local council; radio and television broadcaster; reporter; aviation & air traffic control; Police Service; Ministry of Defence; Royal Navy; RAF; airplane pilot; lawyer; politician; investment banker; estate agent.