



A level

Geography

What will I learn?

The Edexcel specification at A level is designed to excite students' minds, challenge perceptions and stimulate their investigative and analytical skills. The topics covered reflect the world today, looking not only at the impact of humans on the physical environment and the challenges this has created, but also looking at global governance and the political, economic and social changes that are currently happening in the world. It will also enable students to study their own and others engagement with place, looking at the nature and importance of place in human life and experience.

Entry Requirements: Grade 6 or above at GCSE in Geography, English and Maths.

What could this course lead on to?

With the growing importance of issues such as climate change, migration, environmental degradation, spatial epidemiology and inequalities, geography is one of the most relevant courses you could choose to study. Geography courses are popular, demonstrated by strong completion rates and positive student feedback. Geographers are also highly employable and collectively receive competitive graduate salaries. Above all, geographers have potential to be well-informed global citizens, using their unique combinations of knowledge and skills to make a positive difference in the world. Geography is, in the broadest sense, an education for life and for living.

Key content and assessment

Paper 1	Tectonic Processes and Hazards Landscape Systems, Processes and Change The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security	Written examination: 2 hours and 15 minutes 30% of the qualification 105 marks
Paper 2	Globalisation Shaping Places Superpowers Global Development and Connections	Written examination: 2 hours and 15 minutes 30% of the qualification 105 marks
Paper 3	The specification contains three synoptic themes within the compulsory content areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players • Attitudes and actions • Futures and uncertainties. The synoptic investigation will be 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.	Written examination: 2 hours and 15 minutes 20% of the qualification 70 marks
Non-examination assessment: Independent Investigation	Students complete an individual investigation which must include data collected in the field. The individual investigation must be based on a question or issue defined and developed by the student relating to any part of the specification content.	Non-examined assessment 20% of the qualification 60 marks

Course Details

Awarding Body: Edexcel

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