

Geography

Examination Board: Edexcel

Staff Lead

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Why Study Geography?

Geography is a subject which holds a key to our future. The study of Geography supports students to develop an enquiring mind and an interest in the environment and current affairs. Students are willing to explore new ideas and are able to communicate effectively. Students who study Geography develop the ability to think logically and to be able to understand a range of physical and human processes over space and time. You will learn to synthesise a range of information coherently and be able to develop clear arguments and problem solve. You will develop further aspects of graphicacy, including the interpretations of maps and diagrams, as well as clear data response.

Lessons take many different forms with an emphasis on encouraging student led learning. Fieldwork, research and practical work are all seen as a part of the wider investigation process with students undertaking four days of compulsory fieldwork during the course.

Career Paths & Degree Courses

The subject will enable students to have access to a wide range of possible career and Higher Education opportunities. Students will learn and use a variety of transferable skills throughout the course. These skills are in great demand and are recognised by employers and universities as being of great value. Some A level subjects, including Geography, are known as 'facilitating subjects' because choosing them at advanced level leaves open a wide range of options for university study.

Geography also combines well with almost all other subjects. Taken with sciences and mathematics, geography supports applications for almost any science based degree; taken with other humanities subjects, Geography supports an equally wide range of university courses, such as, business, law, media, politics and philosophy.

Requirements

At least five 9-4 grades at GCSE with a minimum average GCSE point score of 4.5. A minimum of a grade 6 in GCSE Geography.

Recommended: English and Maths GCSEs at grade 6 or above.

Assessment Overview	A Level
Paper One: Physical Geography Written examination: 2 hours and 15 minutes 30% of the qualification 105 marks	Externally-assessed: Tectonic Processes and Hazards Landscape Systems, Processes and Change: Coastal Landscapes and Change The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security
Paper Two: Human Geography Written examination: 2 hours and 15 minutes 30% of the qualification 105 marks	Externally-assessed: Globalisation Superpowers Regenerating Places Global Development and Connections: Migration, Identity and Sovereignty
Paper Three: Issues Evaluation Written examination: 2 hours and 15 minutes 20% of the qualification 70 marks	Based upon three synoptic themes within the compulsory content areas: Players Attitudes and actions Futures and uncertainties
Non Examined Assessment 20% of the qualification 70 marks	Independent Investigation, based on fieldwork. Report must be 3000 - 4000 words.