

# A Level Geography



**Exam Board:** EDEXCEL

**Entry requirements:** grade 6 or above in Geography, History or English Literature

## Why study Geography?

There are several reasons why you should consider studying Geography at A level:

- The wide range of skills that it teaches you - you will learn in a wide variety of ways, using maps, GIS skills, data analysis, photos, videos and podcasts. You will be encouraged to frame your own questions using higher level thinking skills and showing your grasp of complex issues through report and essay writing.
- The breadth and variety of different topics - your A Level geography course will cover both the physical and human environments and the complex interaction of processes that shape our world. You will build on topics from GCSE but you will also be introduced to new issues.
- Geography's relevance and importance in today's world: "Geography is the subject which holds the key to our future" - Michael Palin.
- Because Geography is fun! (Fieldtrips!) We will be off to the Yorkshire Dales in October for ice-themed fun.

## What does the course involve?

The AS qualification will cover the 'Dynamic Landscapes' unit for the Physical Geography component and the 'Dynamic Places' unit for Human Geography. These will be assessed at the end of Year 12. The A2 qualification will consist of 'Dynamic Landscapes', 'Dynamic Places' a Synoptic Exam Unit based on Players, Attitudes and Futures and an Independent Investigation based on fieldwork. All units are assessed via examination, except the Independent Investigation which is a coursework assessment.

<b>Physical Geography</b>	<b>Examination</b>	
<b>Dynamic Landscapes</b>	<b>AS</b>	<b>A2</b>
Tectonic Processes and Hazards	1hr 45 mins Exam Worth 50%	2hr 15 mins Worth 30%
Landscapes Systems, Processes & Change (Coasts or Glacial Landscapes)		
A2 Physical Systems & Sustainability (Water & Energy)	N/A	

<b>Human Geography</b>	<b>Examination</b>	
<b>Dynamic Places</b>	<b>AS</b>	<b>A2</b>
Globalisation	1hr 45 mins Exam Worth 50%	2hr 15 mins Worth 30%
Shaping Places (Regeneration & Diverse Places)		
A2 Human Systems & Geopolitics (Superpowers & Health or Migration)	N/A	

<b>Synoptic &amp; Independent Investigations</b>	<b>Examination</b>
Paper 3 <b>A2 Only</b> – based on pre-release material focussing on Players, Attitudes & Futures.	2hr 15 mins Worth 20%
Fieldwork	3000-4000 written report based on Fieldwork in A2. Worth 20%

## Where will Geography lead me post Sixth Form?

- The opportunities that it offers you at university: Geography is highly valued by universities as an A Level choice. The Russell Group report published in 2011 names Geography as one of the eight facilitating subjects.

- The job opportunities it offers you after school or university: Geography graduates are some of the most employable of all graduates. Employers like Geography graduates because of their broad and transferable skills, environmental and social awareness and their understanding of the world in which we live.

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