

Geography

Edexcel
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Category	Information
Course entry requirement	General A level requirements including a grade 5 or above on the new specifications and a grade 5 or above in English Language or Literature. Students achieving a grade 4 in Geography may be considered through a discussion with the Head of Geography. Students who have not taken GCSE Geography will need a 5 in English and a grade 6 in another humanities subject, preferably History.
Course description	<p>A level Geography is a two year linear A level course designed to address the key issues and debates in our world today. It specifically looks at contemporary based issues such as geopolitics, changing world powers and climate hazard impacts which will have a direct impact on our lives in the near future.</p> <p>The course gives students the opportunity to develop in depth understandings of both human and physical geography, the complexity of people and environment questions and issues, and to become critical, reflective independent learners; a highly sought after skill both in further education and in the work place.</p> <p>Physical topics: Tectonic hazards, landscapes and change, water cycle and insecurity, carbon cycle and energy security and climate change futures.</p> <p>Human topics: Globalisation, shaping places, superpowers and global development.</p>
Fieldwork	<p>All A level students must complete four separate fieldwork experiences, previously this has been carried out in one day trip and a residential; due to the nature of the course and the physical environments pupils will need to study. Provided government guidelines this will once again be carried out as a 3 day fieldtrip with one day trip to study urban environments.</p> <p>For the last 5 years student have travelled to Swanage to study Coastal landscapes for three days and completed a day trip to either London Docklands or Brindley place Birmingham.</p> <p>Please be aware there is a financial cost to these trips when you choose A level Geography.</p>
Final examination	There are three exams all 2hr and 15mins in length. Unit 4 is an NEA (non examined assessment) started at the end of year 12 for a submission at the start of January in the second year of their course. This allows students to study in depth an area of their choosing.
Post-18 Opportunities and Employment	Geography is relevant to a wide range of careers, not only in its focus on contemporary issues and real world examples, but also on the methods and skills that it teaches. In particular, students develop skills in decision making which are ideal for a wide range of employment. Future careers include leisure and tourism, environmental management and consultancy, business and financial services, the media and a wide range of information and professional services.
Subjects geography links to either at A level or at University	<p>Business studies and economics often require a knowledge of the human and geopolitics side of geography.</p> <p>Maths - A key feature in the new specification, with statistics and data analysis in the independent study.</p> <p>English language and History - often similar mixes due to the style of written assessment.</p> <p>Sciences – particular biology or environmental sciences fit in well with all the physical geography units as well as the human units on management of environments.</p> <p>P.E/Sports sciences – A love of sport often fits well with a love of the outside and students interested in sport often find physical geography topics interesting.</p> <p>Travel and tourism – A future in the travel industry links well with all aspects of geography.</p> <p>Law – Human right and Health is studied in year 2, with many international laws and agreements studied throughout the course.</p>