

A Level Specification: Edexcel GEOGRAPHY

What will I study?

Paper 1

- Topic 1: Tectonic processes and hazards.
- Topic 2: Landscapes systems, processes and change.
- Topic 3: The water cycle and water insecurity.
- Topic 4: The carbon cycle and energy security.
- Topic 5: Climate change futures.

Paper 2

- Topic 6: Globalisation.
- Topic 7: Regenerating places.
- Topic 8: Superpowers.
- Topic 9: Health, human rights and intervention.

Paper 3

The synoptic investigation paper will be based on a geographical issue within a place-based context that is linked to three synoptic themes: players, attitudes and actions and futures and uncertainties.

Coursework

Fieldwork forms the focus and context of the individual investigation which may be human, physical or integrated physical-human Geography. This will allow students to define a question or issues for an investigation.

How will I be assessed?

Paper 1

2-hour written examination worth 30% of the final A Level examination. (90 marks)

Paper 2

2-hour written examination worth 30% of the final A Level examination. (90 marks)

Paper 3

1-hour 45 minute written examination worth 20% of the final A Level examination. (60 marks)

Independent Investigation

Non-examined assessment worth 20% of the final A Level examination. (60 marks)

How will I learn?

Apart from classroom work and use of ICT, across both years, there is an exciting opportunity to spend 4 days' worth of fieldwork and research investigating the topics chosen. Fieldwork can be a great experience and allows you to apply your knowledge and understanding in a practical way.

What skills will I need?

The Geography A Level will appeal to you if:

- you are curious about the world's places, peoples and environments.
- you like asking questions and finding answers.
- you are interested in local, regional and global issues.
- you have the ability to think independently
- you wish to explore human, physical and environmental Geography.

Independent study skills are vital.

Careers & Progression

You will find that studying Geography is a brilliant step towards a wider range of higher education courses and/or employment opportunities.

Further education - geographers can go on to study higher level courses, including Foundation degrees, undergraduate degrees and/or BTEC Higher Nationals.

Employment - geographers can go into a wide range of jobs, including advertising, governance, finance, law, health services, education marketing, environmental management, aid agencies and sales, to name just a few.