

GEOGRAPHY

Examination Board: Edexcel

Why study Geography?

To quote Nick Crane, the former president of the Royal Geographical society: 'We all know that the minute you walk out of your front door, you're looking at geography. We're all living in a geographical world'. As a subject, Geography helps to explain the processes, places and people of the world, considering not only the physical landscape but also socially and politically.

Where does it lead?

Geography is well respected by employers due to the range of transferable skills you learn as you study the course. Some employment areas are clearly geographically linked such as aid workers, environmental consultants, hydrologists and geologists but other areas include tourism, planning and social work.



Course Content

The subject content covers four main areas:

Dynamic Landscapes – Tectonic Hazards and Coastal Landscapes

Dynamic Places – Globalisation and Regenerating places. (This topic considers why some areas of the UK are in decline and what strategies can be put in place to reverse this)

Physical Systems & Sustainability – The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity and The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security

Global Development & Connections – Superpowers and Health, Human Rights and Intervention

Fieldwork is a key element of the course and students will complete four days of fieldwork over the two years to locations such as Dorset and Bristol. The aim of these days is to provide students with case study information and also to build up their fieldwork skills in order to complete their own investigative piece of work.

Course Assessment

There are three final examinations which account for 80% of the course and there is also a 5,000 word independent investigation worth 20% of the final grade.

- Paper 1 – Physical Geography (30%)
- Paper 2 – Human Geography (30%)
- Paper 3 – Synoptic investigation of a geographical issue (20%)

**For further information,
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