



# Geography



## STUDY LEVEL

**A level**

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Whether you've studied it at GCSE or not, Geography is a diverse, topical and exciting subject to study, which keeps your future options open. We cover a wide range of topics and teach a number of skills that make our students highly desirable for universities and employers. We look at some of the contemporary issues that our society faces in the 21st century, such as the environment and preserving the world's resources, which students get the opportunity to study out in the field.

### What will I study?

Over the two years, you will study both human and physical geography topics and also complete an individual investigation into your chosen area of research. There will be three exams at the end of the second year that contributes a total of 80% of the overall grade. Our studies of the natural environment include tectonics, coasts, water security and energy issues. The human geography topics include globalisation, regenerating places, superpowers and identity and migration. A Geography A level ensures you leave with a greater understanding of the world we

live in. All students complete a compulsory individual investigation that is worth 20% of your grade and can research into either an aspect of the natural world, human world or how the two interact. It is opportunity for you to learn more about the part of Geography you love.

### Co-curricular activities?

There are four compulsory fieldwork days to be completed across the two years so it is a great opportunity for students to study outside of the classroom and gain practical skills. Recent visits have included locations such as Liverpool and Sefton Dunes.

### Where might it lead?

Many of our students continue their studies in Higher Education. Some study Geography by itself or combine it with another subject as a Joint Honours degree. Others study a Geography related course such as Environmental Management, American Studies or Town Planning. The list is almost endless. Whatever your chosen path after A levels, Geography will provide you with opportunities to develop those all-important key skills that are appreciated by universities and employers.

## Course Breakdown

### Course Summary

- Exam board is Edexcel

Paper	Content	Marks	Duration	Weighting
Paper 1	Tectonic Processes and Hazards; Landscape Systems; Processes and Change; The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity; The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security	105	2 hours 15 minutes	30%
Paper 2	Globalisation; Shaping Places; Superpowers; Global Development and Connections	105	2 hours 15 minutes	30%
Paper 3	Players; Attitudes and Actions; Futures and Uncertainties.	70	2 hours and 15 minutes	20%
Non-examined Assessment	Independent Investigation	70	Non-Examined	20%

### Summary of Content

In Year 12, students will cover 50% of the physical geography topics, Tectonic Processes and Hazards and Coastal Landscapes and Change. They will also study 50% of the human geography topics, Globalisation and Regenerating Places. These topics all have strong links to GCSE topics and provide students with a good foundation for the second year topics. Towards the end of year 12 students will complete their individual investigation, which is worth the final 20% of their grade. This is an independent piece of research into their chosen topic. Students are expected to produce a 3000-4000 word piece of research which they have planned, collected and presented data for and analysed their results.

In Year 13, students will cover the remaining 50% of the physical and human topics. For physical topics this is The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity and The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security. The human geography topics are Superpowers and Migration, Identity and Sovereignty. During this year students will also complete extensive preparation for the synoptic Paper 3.

Within all of the topics, students will cover geographical theory and concepts before contextualising these with examples from around the world.

### Suggested Preparation for September

Students should review their GCSE topics that relate to the topics they study in Year 12. If students have not studied Geography at GCSE, BBC Bitesize is a great website to gain an overview of the topics. We try to use relevant, contemporary case studies where possible so students should keep an eye on the news for any stories that may help them.