

Course title: Geography A Level Edexcel

Academic year:	2025
Course Venue:	Sir Graham Balfour High School
Course Type:	A level
Duration:	2 years

Course Description:

We will be teaching the EDEXCEL Advanced GCE in Geography. This course consists of four broad areas of study which are studied over the 2 year course, these are 'Dynamic Landscapes', 'Dynamic Places', 'Physical Systems and Sustainability' and 'Human Systems and Geopolitics' Each of these is divided into more specific modules as follows:

Dynamic Landscape	Dynamic Places
Tectonic Processes and Hazards	Globalisation
Landscape Systems, Process and Change	Shaping Places
Physical Systems and Sustainability	Human Systems and Geopolitics
Water Cycle and Water Insecurity	Super Powers
Carbon Cycles and Energy Security	Global Development and Connections
Climate Change	

The A Level Geography course will appeal to you if:

- You are interested in finding out more about the significant issues affecting our planet today and which will affect your life in the future.
- You wish to explore how people help to cause and can potentially solve some of these issues
- You are curious about the world's places, people and environments.

Additional Information:

Geography is a multi-skill subject which operates effectively alongside and in combination with a wide range of different subjects. At its heart it is a problem solving subject. Throughout the course we will be identifying issues and challenges facing our planet in the 21st century. We will use numeracy and literacy skills to investigate these issues and challenges by analysing and interpreting a wide variety of resources. We will investigate the science behind specific processes which shape our planet and influence and affect the lives of the people living on it, developing our empathy skills. We will develop and use ICT skills to further investigate an issue and to present our findings. We will encourage students to make decisions based on the evidence and present their ideas effectively using their literacy skills to meet the deadlines set. Finally through fieldwork activities we will encourage and develop effective team work and analysis. The A Level course requires students to undertake a wide range of fieldwork activities across at least 4 days of fieldwork.

Entry requirements:

The standard entry criteria to study in the sixth form are a 9-4 in at least seven different subjects, including English and mathematics, which would usually be at grade 4 or above.





You do not have to have studied Geography at GCSE to study it at A-level although it is desirable, but a passion for the subject is necessary.

Assessment:

This qualification consists of three examinations and a coursework element:

Paper 1 – 2 hours – worth 30% of the qualification – this paper assesses all elements of Dynamic Landscape and Physical Systems and Sustainability.

Paper 2 – 2 hours – worth 30% of the qualification – this paper assesses all elements of Dynamic Places and Human Systems and Geopolitics.

Both of these papers will include a range of questions such as short open questions, resource analysis questions and longer open responses including 10 and 15 mark extended writing questions.

Paper 3 – 1 hour 45 minutes – worth 20% of the qualification – this paper is a synoptic decision making paper and will draw from all elements of the course within a place-based context. Questions will again include short open questions, resource analysis questions and longer open responses including 10, 15 and 18 mark extended writing questions.

The qualification also includes an opportunity for students to complete an independent investigation. This will be on a question or issue related to an aspect of the qualification and will change from year to year based on resources available. Students are required to produce a 3000-4000 word report which will be marked and assessed by school staff.

Financial Information: N/A

Future opportunities:

Geography as a degree is offered by a large number of universities around the country as both a BSc and a BA honors degree making it an excellent option for future studies. We have an excellent track record of students going on to study Geography or Geography related courses at university and achieving well at the end of their chosen course. Geography is also an excellent subject to prepare you for a wide variety of other degree courses because of the multi-skill aspect of the course. In addition the skills you develop can lead you to employment opportunities in a wide variety of careers such as journalism, media, engineering, ICT, travel and tourism, environmental management, risk management, marketing, business management and teaching. Geographers are everywhere and an A Level in Geography is a stepping stone to a whole range of opportunities.

