

Overview

The aim of this course is to allow students to develop and apply their understanding of geographical concepts and processes and to understand and interpret our changing world. Students will develop their awareness of the complexity of interactions within and between societies, economies, cultures and environments at both the local and global scale.

Awarding Organisation: Edexcel

Minimum course requirements: GCSE Grade 4+ in Geography and 5+ in English or Grade 6+ in Geography and 4+ in English. It is recommended students study A Level Maths or L3 Maths

More information: Mrs Eaton

Curriculum and assessment

TOPICS

- Tectonic Processes and Hazards
- The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity
- The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security
- Coastal Landscapes and Change
- Globalisation
- Superpowers
- Regenerating Places
- Migration, Identity and Sovereignty

Synoptic themes include:

- Players
- Attitudes and Actions
- Futures and Uncertainties

ASSESSMENT

Unit 1 – Physical Geography

2 hour 15 mins written examination worth 30%

Unit 2 – Human Geography

2 hour 15 mins written examination worth 30%

Unit 3 – Synoptic Unit

Based on a resource booklet focusing on a geographical issue worth 20%

Unit 4 – Independent Geographical Investigation

Coursework report of 3000 – 4000 words worth 20%

Post 18 opportunities

Geographers look at issues from a wide perspective and develop a range of skills that are attractive to a very broad range of future employers. The specific technical skills directly relevant to geography-related careers include field work, research and report writing, preparing maps and diagrams, and using social survey and interpretative methods.

Destinations of students in recent years:

University of Reading – Geography

Manchester University – Geography

Sussex University – Geography

University of York – Environmental Geography

Cardiff University – Environmental Geography

Expenses

One week residential field work. Students will investigate coastal landscapes and change, regenerating places and be required to produce a coursework report for Unit 4. Please note that the approximate cost of the field trip is £500. Students will need to purchase their text books:

Pearson Edexcel A Level Geography Book 1 Fourth Edition – ISBN: 978-1398312555 (c.£28)