

## GEOGRAPHY

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### **COURSE LEVEL 3** | A Level

#### **WHAT IS GEOGRAPHY?**

“Geography is the must have A-level”- Guardian newspaper 2015.

Geography is the study of Earth’s landscapes, peoples, places and environments. It is, quite simply, about the world in which we live.

The reason that Geography is ‘the must have A-level’ is that it is a subject for our times. It is multidisciplinary (a subject which teaches many skills) in a world that increasingly values people who have the skills needed to work across the physical and social sciences. Geographers get to learn data analysis, and to read about the news around them. They learn geographic information systems. They can turn maps from a two-dimensional representation of a country’s physical contours into a tool that shows social features or attitudes: not just where people live, but how, what they think and how they vote. They learn about the physics of climate change, or the interaction of weather events and flood risk, or the way people’s behaviour is influenced by the space around them.

#### **COURSE FOLLOWED**

[Edexcel A level Geography \(2016\)](#)

Area of study 1: Dynamic Landscapes (Tectonic Processes & Hazards and Coastal Landscapes & Change)

Area of study 2: Dynamic Places (Globalisation and Regenerating Places)

Area of study 3: Physical Systems and Sustainability (The Water Cycle & Water Insecurity and The Carbon Cycle & Energy Security)

Area of study 4: Human Systems and Geopolitics (Superpowers and Migration, Identity & Sovereignty)

#### **METHOD OF ASSESSMENT**

3 examinations and one piece of coursework for full A-level qualification. Geography is a two-year course which does not offer an AS Level qualification.

Paper 1 Physical Geography (Topics 1 and 3): (30%) 2 hour 15 min written exam

Paper 2 Human Geography (Topics 2 and 4): (30%) 2 hour 15 min written exam

Paper 3 Synoptic Issue Evaluation: (20%) 2 hour 15 min written exam

Independent Investigation: (20%) Coursework of 3000-4000 words

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Grade 6 or better in Geography and 5 in English.

#### **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

Geography students are in the top 3 most employable graduates, with above national average starting wages. Geography graduates attract employers from the business, law and finance sectors. Employers include: local government; the Civil Service; the armed forces; Ministry of Defence; police service; teaching & lecturing; private companies; environmental consultancies; environmental protection agencies; utility companies; information systems organizations.

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