Geography

A-Level Geography

Subject Geography

Exam Board Edexcel

Specification Numbers 9GEO

Teacher Responsible Mrs C Stone

Introduction A-Level Geography is a specification that will provide students with the knowledge, skills and enthusiasm sought by those in higher education and employers. It should excite students' minds, challenge perceptions and stimulate their investigative and analytical skills. It is inherently multidisciplinary in a world that increasingly values people who have the skills needed to work across the physical and social sciences.

Content of Studies

Paper 1: Physical Geography
Tectonic Processes and Hazards, Coastal Landscapes and Change, The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity and The Carbon Cycle and Energy Insecurity.

Paper 2: Human Geography
Globalisation, Regenerating Places, Superpowers and Migration, Identity and Sovereignty.

Paper 3: Synoptic Geography
A synoptic investigation based on a geographical issue within a place-based context that links to one of the following themes: Players, attitudes and actions or futures and uncertainties.

Non-examination assessment
Independent Fieldwork Investigation based on 2 days compulsory fieldwork.

How You Are Assessed This qualification is linear, which means that students will sit all their exams and submit all their non-exam assessments at the end of the course.
Paper 1: 30% of the qualification
Paper 2: 30% of the qualification
Paper 3: 20% of the qualification
Non-examination assessment: 20% of the qualification

A-Level Residential Trip - As part of the course, students may be offered a residential trip within the UK in preparation for their NEA. Whilst this will not be made compulsory, it is highly recommended that all A-Level Geography students attend. Local fieldwork opportunities will be compulsory for all A-Level students in Year 12. This is planned to take place in Term 6 in Year 12.

Links to Future Careers Geography is a facilitating subject; one which is most commonly required or preferred by Russell Group universities to get on to a range of degree courses. Many of the top universities will ask students to have at least one A-Level in a facilitating subject on application. Geography students are among the top 3 most employed graduates in a recent poll. A geography degree can lead to diverse careers, with options including urban planning, environmental consulting, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) specialist, cartography, and surveying. Other roles include sustainability consultant, geographer, nature conservation officer, and teacher. The broad nature of a geography degree provides a high rate of graduate employment in various sectors, including environmental management, data analysis, and transport planning.

Entry Requirement
Grade 5 Geography, Grade 5 English and Maths GCSE