



## A Level Geography - Course Information

### Exam board - Edexcel

#### What is A Level Geography?

A Level Geography is an advanced course that studies the physical and human aspects of the world. It goes beyond basic geography to develop analytical, research, and critical thinking skills.

#### What does the course involve?

The A level course has 4 areas of study which include both Human and Physical Geography Topics.

Year 12	Year 13
<b>Topic 1:</b> Tectonics Processes and Hazards	<b>Topic 5:</b> The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity
<b>Topic 2:</b> Landscape Systems, Processes and Change - Coasts	<b>Topic 6:</b> The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security
<b>Topic 3:</b> Globalisation	<b>Topic 7:</b> Superpowers
<b>Topic 4a:</b> Regenerating Places	<b>Topic 8:</b> Health and Human Rights

**Entry Requirements:** GCSE English grade 5, Mathematics grade 4 and Geography grade 5

#### What themes are studied and how is it assessed?

**An externally-assessed written examination comprising three sections:**

**Paper 1** - Physical and environmental Geography [30%]

**Paper 2** - Human geography with added environmental consequences [30%]

**Paper 3** - An investigation into a geographical issue linked to the core content in a particular place [20%]

**Non-examination Assessment (NEA)** Independent investigation. Based on fieldwork. [20%]

#### What are lessons like?

Lessons in A Level Geography combine classroom learning with practical activities. Students study physical and human topics through discussions, case studies, and data analysis, while also developing skills in map reading, research, and report writing. Fieldwork is often included, allowing students to collect and analyse real-world data, making lessons both interactive and applied.

#### Where can Geography take you?

Geography can open up a wide range of career opportunities, including roles such as cartographer, commercial or residential surveyor, environmental consultant, GIS officer, planning and development surveyor, town planner, or secondary school teacher. An A Level in Geography can also lead to university courses in fields like geophysics, environmental geoscience, and geology.

**For more information about the course, please see Mrs Gent**