Geography

Exam Board: Edexcel
Entry Requirements: Students must achieve Grade 6 or above in Geography and a Grade 6 in Maths and English Language. Students choosing this course need both mathematical ability and strong literacy skills.

COURSE SUMMARY

Geography is designed to enable students to explore and evaluate contemporary geographical contexts and issues, such as the consequences of globalisation, responses to hazards, water insecurity and climate change. All topics provide students with the opportunity to develop an in-depth understanding of physical and human geography as well as supporting students to become critical, reflective and independent learners.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Paper 1 (30%)
- Tectonic processes and hazards
- Landscape systems and processes
- The water cycle and water insecurity
- The carbon cycle and energy security
- Climate change futures

Examination: 2hr 15 mins written exam

Paper 2 (30%)
- Globalisation
- Shaping places
- Superpowers
- Migration, identity and sovereignty

Examination: 2hr 15 mins written exam

Paper 3 (20%)
- Synoptic themes in Geography Players
- Attitudes and actions
- Futures and uncertainties

Examination: 1hr 45 mins written resource exam

Independent Investigation (20%)
Students are required to develop their own fieldwork question and analyse and evaluate primary and secondary data. Students will undertake at least 4 days of first-hand study in a range of settings to complement your in-class studies and support the development of your independent investigation.

Examination: 3000-4000 word written report which is internally assessed.

SPECIFICATION

A Level Geography Specification Issue 6 (pearson.com)

CAREER CHOICES

Geography A Level students can progress to a range of science related courses, that include Geography, Geology, Environmental and Natural Sciences. Having a geography A-level can be advantageous when applying for jobs in a variety of sectors, including environment and sustainability, physical systems, society, business, geographical techniques, development and global issues, settlement and travel, tourism, leisure and culture.