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GEOGRAPHY

Barnwell School



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Edexcel A Level Advanced GCE Geography (9GEO).

Entry Requirements: Grade '6' in Geography at GCSE Level.

Course Description

A popular, exciting and brand-new issues and enquiry based course that continues to develop students as active, independent learners. It aims to be engaging and relevant to today's geographers - a qualification that enables students to explore the world, the issues it faces and their own place in it, and to help prepare them to succeed at university or in employment.

This is a fast paced and challenging academic course. Students are challenged to move beyond detailed explanation to analyse and evaluate sources and issues, make decisions and to develop sustainable solutions. All students will take responsibility to actively think and challenge themselves on a lesson by lesson basis, including the development of their mathematical and statistical skills, used and developed each lesson, and assessed during their examinations. Assessment of students' progress is undertaken at regular intervals. Summative assessment using Edexcel exam questions, examiners notes and mark schemes will be made at the end of each topic, and during pre-public Exams in line with Barnwell School's assessment procedures.

Method of Assessment

Assessments at the end of Year 13.

Paper 1—Dynamic Landscapes and Physical Systems & Sustainability. Written exam paper, 30% of total A Level.

Paper 2—Dynamic Places, Human Systems and Geopolitics. Written exam paper, 30% of total A Level.

Paper 3—Synoptic investigation of a contemporary geographical issue. Written paper, 20% of total A Level.

N.E.A. (coursework), 20% of total A Level. There is an Edexcel requirement and expectation that all students will attend residential fieldwork investigations. Field skills will be taught by fieldwork specialists, and students will then utilise these skills in production of their Individual Investigation. As fieldwork will be away from the School site, there will be a cost which will be passed on to students' families.

Topics covered throughout the course include:

Tectonics

Coasts

Water Cycle & Water Security

Carbon Cycle & Energy Security

Regeneration

Globalisation

Supernovae

Development: Migration, Identity & Sovereignty

Progression

This course is a challenging and highly respected, advanced course. Geography matters. Geography is a 'facilitating' subject; one of the group of 5 subjects most highly valued by top, Russell Group universities, regardless of what subject you may apply to study at university. This is because of Geography's focus on investigation, analysis, contemporary issues, and our clear development of students as independent learners and investigators!



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