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# Geography

*Edexcel A Level Geography*



## Course Description

This is a popular, exciting, and enquiry-based A Level Geography course designed to develop students as active, independent learners. It explores contemporary global issues and challenges, helping students understand their role in the world and preparing them for success at university or in employment. The course is fast-paced and academically rigorous, requiring students to analyse and evaluate sources, make decisions, and develop sustainable solutions. Mathematical and statistical skills are embedded throughout, and progress is monitored regularly.

## Methods of Assessment

Assessments take place at the end of Year 13 and include:

- Paper 1 – Dynamic Landscapes and Physical Systems & Sustainability. Written exam, 30% of total A Level.
- Paper 2 – Dynamic Places, Human Systems and Geopolitics. Written exam, 30% of total A Level.
- Paper 3 – Synoptic Investigation of a Contemporary Geographical Issue. Written exam, 20% of total A Level.
- NEA (Coursework) - 20% of total A Level. Students complete an Individual Investigation based on fieldwork. Attendance at residential fieldwork is required, with costs passed on to families.

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## Progression

This course is a challenging and highly respected advanced qualification. Geography is considered a 'facilitating' subject and is one of the top five subjects most valued by Russell Group universities, regardless of the degree you choose. Its emphasis on investigation, analysis, and contemporary issues develops students as independent learners and critical thinkers, making it ideal preparation for higher education and a wide range of careers.

## Student Testimonial - Bethany



Geography is not only academically enriching but also deeply relevant to current real-world issues. This is due to its merging of both scientific and political perspectives. From exploring how natural disasters can be mitigated, such as the 2010 Eyjafjallajökull eruption, to evaluating the role of international organisations and their efforts to create peace and prosperity, geography fosters critical thinking about both the natural world and human influence. One of the most prominent topics is climate change and its impact on smaller indigenous islands. Geography also investigates how daily human activities affect natural processes, offering students insight into the interconnectedness of our planet.

## Class of 2024-25

