



GEOGRAPHY

A LEVEL
Exam board EDEXCEL

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 5 or above if studied at GCSE. A student who has not studied geography at GCSE requires grade 5 or above in GCSE English language or literature **plus** grade 6 or above in a science at GCSE level, as well as having a genuine interest in the subject.

COURSE CONTENT

This course appeals to those who found the subject interesting at GCSE and are looking for the challenge of studying at a higher level. The course delivers cutting edge ideas in an engaging way. It prepares students well for higher level study.

Physical geography

We start by learning more about coastal processes. Data is collected during a field trip to the west coast which is then used to produce a practice report. Later topics include plate tectonics and our relationship with water and carbon.

Human geography

We look at issues that face the world today. Topics such as cities, global trade, superpowers and migration are used to understand the links between countries. Regular class discussions develop an awareness of current affairs and a second field trip to Manchester develops data handling skills.

Fieldwork

This is an essential and interesting part of the subject: academic theory taught in lessons is applied to the real world. Students choose their own topics and develop transferable skills, including teamwork, problem solving, organisation, data handling, report writing and leadership.

EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

All work is assessed by exams apart from the individual investigation. This coursework is submitted as a document and is worth 20% of the full A-Level qualification.

SKILLS, LINKS AND PROGRESSION

Geography forms a bridge between the sciences and the arts. Degrees in geography are academically challenging and very well respected. They can open the door to a wide range of careers or specialist study. Geographers have an increased awareness of the world and an understanding of people that is valued by many employers such as the services and the police. Good powers of analysis, numeracy and report writing are developed.

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