

GEOGRAPHY

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| Course Length: | Studied over two years |
| Examination Board: | Pearson Edexcel |
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Why study Geography? Geography is an all-embracing subject. Geographers have a unique view because they combine skills and attitudes drawn from other disciplines. Geography is the natural bridge between the arts and the sciences and can add an extra dimension to university and employment applications. As Geographers we are concerned with looking at many of the important issues facing the world today and we also develop a wide range of skills: but what can it do for your career? Law, Commerce, Business, Medicine, Education, Sport and Leisure, Marine Biology, Environmental based work; these are just a few of the routes of our past students. A recent survey of employers in the North of England showed that after Maths and English, Geography is rated as one of the most useful subjects. They know that Geography helps young people to be aware of the world around them, to communicate with others and to offer fair and practical solutions to difficult issues and problems. Places and people are amazing. Geography is the key to understanding what makes them so!

Course Content

Paper 1 Dynamic Landscapes

- Topic 1: Tectonic Processes and Hazards – we question of the causes of tectonic hazards, the impact of tectonic activity on people, and responses to tectonic hazards.
- Topic 2: Coastal Landscapes - we study of coastal landscapes system and the physical & human processes influencing change over time & space.
- Topic 3: The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity – we examine of the water cycle, human & natural factors that impact on water cycling, consequences for water security & future water conflicts.
- Topic 4: The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security – we study of the carbon Cycle, human & natural factors impacting on the carbon cycling, the consequences for ecosystems & management strategies

Paper 2 Dynamic Places

- Topic 5: Globalisation - a study of globalisation, its causes & consequences for different people & places.
- Topic 6: Regenerating Places – we explore how & why places are shaped & changed; the meanings & identities attached to different places & the consequences for different people.
- Topic 7: Superpowers – we look at the reasons for shifting economic and political power, the impacts of superpowers, influences of superpowers in governing global commons
- Topic 8: Health, Human Rights and Intervention

Paper 3 Synoptic Assessment

A resource booklet will contain information about a geographical issue withing a place-based context. The following synoptic themes will be assessed within the compulsory content areas:

- Players
- Attitudes and actions
- Futures and uncertainties

Independent Investigation

- An investigation report on an area of interest in Geography.

Assessment

| Paper | Title | Assessment | A Level |
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| 1 | Dynamic Landscapes | Written Exam: 1hr 30min | - |
| 2 | Dynamic Places | Written Exam: 1hr 30min | - |
| 1 | Dynamic Landscapes | Written Exam: 2hr | 30% |
| 2 | Dynamic Places | Written Exam: 2hr | 30% |
| 3 | Synoptic Paper | Written Exam: 1hr 45min | 20% |
| 4 | Independent Investigation | Internally assessed, externally moderated | 20% |