

# A Level Geography



## Subject Overview

*Geography is highly valued by universities as an A level choice. The Russell Group 2011 report names Geography as one of the eight facilitating subjects. This is a subject most likely to be required or preferred for entry to degree courses and choosing facilitating subjects will keep more options open to you at university.*

*Your A level Geography course will cover both the physical and human environments and the complex interaction of processes that shape our world. It will also show the applied side of the subject- how human intervention affects the environment and how people adapt and mitigate the effects of processes on their environment. By the time you get to your exams, you will be able to show your understanding of a range of opinions and be able to illustrate your answers with case studies from local, national and international examples.*

## Subject Information

| Component /Unit/Exam paper | Weighting                                | Title                  | Details  |
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| Paper 1                    | 30%<br>105 marks<br>2 hours 15 minutes   | Physical Geography     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Tectonic processes and Hazards</li><li>· Coastal landscapes and Change</li><li>· The Water cycle and Water Security</li><li>· The Carbon cycle and Energy Security</li></ul> |
| Paper 2                    | 30%<br>105 marks<br>2 hour 15 minutes    | Human Geography        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Globalisation</li><li>· Shaping places</li><li>· Superpowers</li><li>· Global development</li></ul>  |
| Paper 3                    | 20%<br>70 marks<br>2 hours 15 minutes    | Synoptic Investigation | 3 synoptic themes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Players</li><li>· Attitudes and actions</li><li>· Futures and uncertainties</li></ul>  |
| Independent Investigation  | 20%<br>70 marks<br>3000-4000 word report | NEA                    | Non-examination assessment   |

**What opportunities this course could lead to:** *For careers in the world of business, an understanding of global economics forms an important part of Geography. If you are thinking of a career in law, human rights, international relations or welfare then Geography gives you the opportunity to consider relevant issues such as; How do we measure development? What are the consequences of migration on societies?*

*If you are working towards a future course in medicine then Geography is a good choice to give your A level options the breadth that universities seek, as you will gain a clear understanding of how the environment affects health and survival of people, animals and ecosystems as well as enhancing your skills of writing essays and extended reports.*

*Employment opportunities include, but are not limited to: teacher, solicitor, journalist, town planner, surveyor, climatologist, transportation manager, architect, meteorologist and the list goes on....*

**Course requirements:** Students must have 5 or more GCSE passes, including English and Mathematics, grade 5 to study A levels.