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# Geography

**Exam Board:** Edexcel

**Contact teacher:** Mr A Wells

## Why study Geography?

Geography is the unique bridging subject; it spans the gap between social and earth sciences. The human, physical and environmental aspects of geography will enhance your knowledge of people and places. It is a flexible subject that integrates well with a variety of subjects from the sciences to the arts. The subject allows you to develop a range of invaluable skills for the future, including; communication, organisation, teamwork and problem solving. Geography, with its close links to the world around us, opens a wide range of career opportunities in areas like marketing, advertising, teaching, law, travel industry and business development.

## Course details

### AS level

Unit 1: Global Challenges. There are two compulsory topics that form this unit; World at Risk (dealing with Climate Change and Natural Hazards) and Going Global (which includes population and economic change).

Unit 2: Geographical Investigation. A fieldwork and research based module on Extreme Weather and Rebranding Places.

### A2 level

Unit 3: Contested Planet. This unit includes a broad range of topics looking at the complex challenges for the modern world (including Superpower Geographies, Bridging the Development Gap, the Technological Fix, Energy Issues, Water Resources and The Biodiversity Issue).

Unit 4: Geographical Research. An investigation of the causes, impacts and responses to tectonic hazards.

## How is the course taught and assessed?

Whilst formal teaching is a mainstay of the course there is an increasing reliance on students to organise their own research into topics (as individuals and in small groups). To do well at A2 level students should read widely around the subject.

Although there is no coursework, the AS level Geographical Investigations examination includes reference to fieldwork so this will be a requirement. The second module at AS level is assessed through a structured examination paper.

At A2 level the Contested Planet module is assessed through a structured examination paper (including the synoptic assessment on Issues Analysis) whilst the Geographical Research paper consists of an examination essay based on a pre-released theme.

**Entry requirements**

Students will need to have 6 GCSE passes at grade C or above including English Language and Mathematics. To be accepted on this course a C grade in GCSE Geography is required. This is open to negotiation where students have a range of good GCSE passes but have not studied Geography at this level.

**What are the progression routes with this qualification?**

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