

# Geography

## A-Level Geography

**Subject** Geography

**Exam Board** Edexcel

**Specification Numbers** 9GEO

**Teacher Responsible** Mrs C Stone/Mrs L Thompson

**Introduction** *“Geography is the subject which holds the key to our future”* – Michael Palin  
A-Level Geography is a specification that will provide students with the knowledge, skills and enthusiasm sought by those in higher education and employers. It should excite students’ minds, challenge perceptions and stimulate their investigative and analytical skills. It is inherently multidisciplinary in a world that increasingly values people who have the skills needed to work across the physical and social sciences.

**Aims of the Course** The content of studies is as follows:

**Paper 1: Physical Geography**

Tectonic Processes and Hazards, Coastal Landscapes and Change, The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity and The Carbon Cycle and Energy Insecurity.

**Paper 2: Human Geography**

Globalisation, Regenerating Places, Superpowers and Migration, Identity and Sovereignty.

**Paper 3: Synoptic Geography**

A synoptic investigation based on a geographical issue within a place-based context that links to one of the following themes: Players, attitudes and actions or futures and uncertainties.

**Non-examination assessment**

Independent Fieldwork Investigation based on 2 days compulsory fieldwork.

**How You Are Assessed** This qualification is linear, which means that students will sit all their exams and submit all their non-exam assessments at the end of the course.

Paper 1: 30% of the qualification

Paper 2: 30% of the qualification

Paper 3: 20% of the qualification

Non-examination assessment: 20% of the qualification

**Links to Future Careers** Geography is a facilitating subject; one which is most commonly required or preferred by Russell Group universities to get on to a range of degree courses. Many of the top universities will ask students to have at least one A-Level in a facilitating subject on application. Geography students are among the top 3 most employed graduates in a recent poll. This A-Level course should provide students with the knowledge, skills and enthusiasm sought by both higher education and employers. Future careers include consultancy, conservation, town planning, architecture and law.

**Entry Requirement**

Grade 5 Geography, Grade 4 English and Maths GCSE