

Geography Course Information

Title of Course	A Level Geography	
Exam Board	Edexcel	
Syllabus title	Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Geography	
Course Code	A Level - 9GEO	
Course Content	<p><u>Dynamic Landscapes</u> Topic 1: Tectonic Processes Topic 2: Landscape Systems, Processes and Change – a choice of either 2.1 Glaciated Environments and Change or 2.2 Coastal Landscapes and Change</p> <p><u>Dynamic Places</u> Topic 3: Globalisation Topic 4: Shaping Places – a choice of either 4.1 Regenerating Places or 4.2 Diverse Places</p> <p><u>Physical Systems and Sustainability</u> Topic 5: The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity Topic 6: The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security Topic 7: Climate Change Futures</p> <p><u>Human Systems and Geopolitics</u> Topic 8: Superpowers Topic 9: Global Development and Connections – a choice of either 9.1 Health, Human Rights and Intervention or 9.2 Migration, Identity and Sovereignty.</p>	
Assessment and weighting	<p><u>A Level</u> <u>Paper 1 – The Physical Environment (Topics 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7)</u> Written examination: 2 hours 30% of qualification (90 marks)</p> <p><u>Paper 2 – Human Environments (Topics 3, 4, 8 and 9)</u> Written examination: 2 hours 30% of qualification (90 marks)</p> <p><u>Coursework: Independent Investigation</u> Non-examined assessment 20% of qualification (60 marks)</p>	
Trips/visits	At least one Geography fieldtrip, likely to include 2 ½ days in Snowdonia (AS) and 4 days in Iceland (A2)	
Future opportunities/careers	International development (NGOs, Government agencies etc.) Managing the effects of hazards and climate change Human rights and law Commercial/residential surveyor Environmental consultant - sustainability Geographical information systems officer Town and transport planning	Quantity surveyor Teacher Marketing/Sales/PR Meteorology (weather forecasting) Oceanography Journalist

Geography Person Specification

Essential:	
Qualifications/ School record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B in English and Maths • 95% attendance in year 11 • Good attitude to learning in Geography KS3 and/or KS4
Attitude/Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard working • Positive • Enjoys fieldwork
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation and time management • Able to identify trends and patterns (data analysis) • Can learn facts and figures, and retain information • An interest in many aspects of geography locally to globally • An interest in current affairs • Can structure written essays • Independence
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance on KS3/4 Geography fieldtrips
Desirable:	
Qualifications/ School record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B or above in Geography GCSE (Higher tier). If didn't take Geography at GCSE, a B in another Humanity based subject
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team worker – important for effective fieldwork • Leadership • Takes part in class discussions • Confident with mapwork • Confident with graphical and statistical analysis • Creativity in finding solutions • Reflective
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using maps (for example, DofE and Scouts) • Developing and testing hypotheses • Experience of using GIS