

GEOGRAPHY A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: Edexcel

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In Year 12, the A-Level course covers both Physical and Human Geography. The first unit is entitled Dynamic Landscapes and in this unit we will study Tectonic Processes and Natural Hazards. This will include looking at the distribution of natural hazards and their management. We will also study **coastal landscapes and change**; this will include some fieldwork. The second unit is entitled Dynamic Places. This will include a unit on **globalisation**, identifying the 'winners' and 'losers'. The other place-based component will look at social, cultural and economic changes in areas of **regeneration** including some fieldwork.

In Year 13, the physical geography component is extended through the study of the **water cycle** and its links with water insecurity around the world, the **carbon cycle** is also studied and links are made with the use and trade in energy resources around the world. The way that **climate change** is predicted to alter the way people interact with their environment is also examined. The human geography aspect of the course gets more political by looking at the **balance and imbalance of power** across the world through trade and other negotiations. Fieldwork in Year 12 is used to provide the training and experience required for the independent investigation reports.

COURSE CONTENT:

- **Unit 1:** Dynamic Landscapes (Tectonic Processes and Hazards with Coastal Landscapes and Change)
- **Unit 2:** Dynamic Places (Globalisation & Shaping Places)
- **Unit 3:** Physical Systems and Sustainability
- **Unit 4:** Human Systems and Geopolitics

ASSESSMENT:

- **Paper 1**
2 hours and 15 minutes 30% - Dynamic Landscapes and Physical Systems and Sustainability.
- **Paper 2**
2 hours and 15 minutes 30% - Dynamic places and Human Systems and Geopolitics.
- **Paper 3**
2 hours and 15 minutes 20% - The Synoptic Paper.
- **Coursework**
Independent investigation using geographical skills and fieldwork
3000 - 4000 words 20%.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Geography A-Level is widely recognised by Industry. University subject choices could include Geography, Environment Science, Town Planning and many more options.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Geography GCSE at least at Grade 5. English and Mathematics GCSE at least at Grade 5.