



# A Level Geography Information



Course Specification: Edexcel  
Entry Requirement: GCSE Grade 6  
Geography, English and Maths



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## Essential Information:

This course offers a wide variety of subject matter that is designed to provide an awareness of topical geographical issues and the interconnections between people and the environment. This course will appeal to students who are interested in topics such as climate change, economic growth, migration, natural hazards, regeneration and coastal geography. Emphasis is placed on how people interact with their environment and pupils will study sustainable solutions to the problems which arise. This is an innovative and exciting course that supports an enquiry based approach to learning, allowing students to develop decision making, analytical and fieldwork skills.

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### **Year 12:**

Unit 1 Dynamic Landscapes. Topic 1 looks at the issues posed by global tectonic hazards and the impacts these have on people. Topic 2 coastal landscapes and change will involve the study of physical and human processes and will be accompanied by coastal fieldwork.

Unit 2 Dynamic Places. This is again divided into two topics, the first tackles the concept of globalisation and how it has created a two-speed world. The second topic investigates regeneration in different locations and involves fieldwork to be carried out in an area that has experienced regeneration.

### **Year 13:**

Unit 3 Physical Systems and Sustainability. The following 3 themes are covered: Water insecurity, the carbon cycle and energy security and climate change futures.

Unit 4 Human systems and Geopolitics. This involves looking into geographies of power, the rise of India and China, as well as investigating global development and migration.

The full A Level will also involve a challenging synoptic section that tests students' understanding of the interconnections between units of study when investigating a particular geographical issue.

In Year 13 there is also a piece of coursework that equates to **20% of the course.**

## Assessment

The full A Level involves three exams overall. There are 2 exams of 1 hour 30 minutes that focus on units of study which are both worth 30% of the overall grade – the first will assess content from units 1 & 3 and the second will assess students' understanding of units 2 & 4.

However, at this level there is also a third exam of 1 hour 45 minutes that equates to 20% of the overall grade and will challenge students to investigate a pre-selected geographical issue relating to the course. This is where students can show off their understanding of how all four units interlink and their geographical skills.

The A Level also contains a piece of coursework that is worth 20% of the overall grade. This will involve individual and group investigations during a four-day fieldtrip and the write-up work is completed at the start of year 13.

## Fieldwork

Fieldwork will also be organised to support the A Level individual coursework project at the end of year 12. This will be conducted in a coastal location and an area in which regeneration has taken place. There may also be a field trip to Iceland to support the course content. Text books, revision guides and Geography Review magazine are optional resources, some of which can be purchased at a reduced rate through the Geography Department.

