A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY
EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL

SUBJECT AREA OVERVIEW

In a rapidly changing world, it is important to develop an understanding of the interrelationships between people and the environment, and develop a concern for human welfare and the quality of the environment, and the need for planning and sustainable management.

Course Content

Core Themes:

- Tectonic Processes and Hazards

- Globalisation

- The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity

- The carbon Cycle and Energy Security

- Superpowers Option Themes: Coastal Landscapes and Change

- Energy resources

- Diverse Places

There will be a week-long field trip to Dale Fort in Pembrokeshire which will develop research skills and collect data for the student's Individual Investigation.

Assessment

The course will be constantly assessed internally over the two years. The external assessment will take place at the end of the two years.

This course is assessed through three examination papers and a research report:

- Paper 1- Dynamic Landscapes and Physical Systems and Sustainability (30%)

- Paper 2- Dynamic Places and Human Systems and Geopolitics (30%)

- Paper 3- Synoptic Investigation (20%)

- Paper 4- an Individual Investigation that is research based, including fieldwork for which a 3000-4000 word report is submitted that attracts the final 20% of the marks. The report is completed after the field trip, during the Autumn term in the second year.

Recommended Reading

Edexcel A Level Geography Book 1 and Book 2. Lindsay Frost et al. Pearson
Philip's University Atlas. George Philip (with R.G.S.) 2000

Career Paths and Related Subject Areas

A first degree in Geography is an entry point to many careers, for example: Town and Transport Planning, Chartered Surveying, Land and Water Management, Sustainability, Environmental Consultancy, Development, Tourism, Conservation, Demography, Housing and Social Welfare. Geography graduates are very employable as they have a very wide range of practical and intellectual skills and broad knowledge base.

For further information: https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/geography-2016.html