



**A Level Geography (Pearson Edexcel )**

**Assessment Method**

**Paper 1** – Physical Geography 30%  
**Paper 2** – Human Geography 30%

**Paper 3** – Synoptic Geography 20%  
**Coursework** – 20%

**Why Should I Follow This Course?**

Geography is a modern practical subject, one that is recognised by employers and universities as a demanding but worthwhile course. It will provide an interesting, topical way to learn more about our world and our local environment. The research and analysis skills demanded in this subject are transferable and complement study in many areas.

**What Will I Learn?**

**Physical Geography:** *Tectonic Processes & Hazards\** - earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and secondary hazards such as tsunamis – represent a significant risk in some parts of the world. *Coastal Landscapes & change* - Coastal landscapes develop due to the interaction of winds, waves and currents, as well as through the contribution of both terrestrial and offshore sources of sediment *Water Cycle & Water Insecurity\** Water plays a key role in supporting life on earth. The water cycle operates at a variety of spatial scales and also at short- and long-term timescales, from global to local. Water insecurity is becoming a global issue with serious consequences and there is a range of different approaches to managing water supply. *Carbon Cycle & Energy Security\** The water and carbon cycles and the role of feedbacks in and between the two cycles, provide a context for developing an understanding of climate change.

**Human Geography:** *Globalisation\** - Globalisation and global interdependence continue to accelerate, resulting in changing opportunities for businesses and people. *Regenerating Places* - Local places vary economically and socially with change driven by local, national and global processes. These processes include movements of people, capital, information and resources, making some places economically dynamic while other places appear to be marginalised. *Superpowers\** Superpowers and emerging superpowers have a very significant impact on the global economy, global politics and the environment. The spheres of influence between these powers are frequently contested, resulting in geopolitical implications. *Global Development & Connections* Traditional definitions of development are based largely on economic measures but have been increasingly challenged by broader definitions based on environmental, social and political quality of life with many new measures used to record progress at all scales in human rights and human welfare

**Synoptic Geography:** Three synoptic themes within the compulsory content areas (\*) with the themes of players, attitudes and actions, futures and uncertainties

**What Teaching and Learning Methods Will Be Used?**

There will be a wide variety of teaching methods used to encourage students to develop their skills and knowledge. Much of the work will be covered in class with teacher and student led presentations. Students must be able to work equally well independently or in groups. Students will take part in a 3-night residential visit to the Dorset coastline to support with the Coasts topic as well as carrying out more local fieldwork opportunities.

**Where Will This Qualification Take Me?**

Geography provides a strong knowledge base and can lead to further study in Geography or related subjects in higher education.

Geography is a facilitating subject – one which is highly valued by universities – this is particularly due to student’s ability to research, prioritise and assimilate information throughout this course.

Geography is especially useful because it has links to several career areas including town planning, environmental care, teaching and journalism.

Geography links well with other A Level subjects due to the balance between science and social studies. For example, students who study Business will be able to link their learning with our studies around Global systems. Sociology students will be able to overlap their learning about demographics and globalisation whilst Biology students will be able to make links with their learning about water and carbon cycles.

Overall, Geography provides students with a well-rounded subject which provides many opportunities to develop the skills needed for further education or employment.