

# Geography - A Level

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## Course Outline:

In this newly changed A Level course, you will study a wide range of geographical concepts.

Unit 1: 30%

- Tectonic Process and Hazards
- Landscape Systems and Processes, with a focus on coastal landscapes.
- Water cycle and water insecurity
- Carbon cycle and energy security
- Climate change futures

Unit 2: 30%

- Globalisation - Shaping Places, with a focus on regeneration of rural and urban areas.
- Superpowers
- Health, Human Rights and Intervention

Unit 3: 20%

- Synoptic paper which links together the learning from unit 1 and 2 based around an issue chosen by the exam board.

Unit 4: 20%

- Coursework based on field work from a 3 day residential trip to Pembrokeshire, South Wales.

## Skills/Aptitudes Developed/Required:

In order to start the A Level course you should have achieved a grade 5 at GCSE in Geography. However, it might be possible to start the course even if you have not studied Geography at GCSE. Please ask advice from Geography teachers. Several topics covered in the course are developments of work covered at GCSE, but others are new. What is important is that you should have a lively and enquiring mind, an interest in the environment and current affairs, a willingness to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively.

Those of you who have studied GCSE Geography will find that the knowledge, understanding and the skills you have learned will prove a valuable foundation for study at this level.

To be successful at A Level it would be expected that you would have gained 5 or more GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including Geography (if taken). Special consideration will also be given to other written subjects.

## Additional Considerations:

Field work will be carried out during the course. This involves a residential trip away at a cost per student.



## Progression Post-18

Geography is widely recognised as a subject that offers skills that can be adapted to any job. The decision making skills are valuable in our ever changing world.