

# A Level Geography



Exam Board: Edexcel

Geography is a popular post-16 subject. It combines well with sciences and technology, social sciences and the arts to offer access to a range of degree courses and careers. The Geography Department is well resourced with a wide range of text books, DVDs and journals. Fieldwork and research is an integral part of the course and a range of trips are incorporated into A Level studies.

## Course overview:

### A-level Paper 1

Tectonic Processes and Hazards, Landscape Systems, Processes and Change, The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity, The carbon cycle and energy security.

### A-level Paper 2

Regenerating places, globalisation, superpowers and Health, human rights and intervention.

### A-level Paper 3

Three synoptic themes within the compulsory content areas: Players, Attitudes and Actions, Futures and Uncertainties.

Coursework: Independent Investigation

Non-examined assessment 20% of the qualification.

The student defines a question or issue for investigation, relating to the compulsory or optional content. The topic may relate to any aspect of geography contained within the specification.

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## **Assessment:**

Paper 1: 2 hour 15 minutes written exam. 30% of A-level

Paper 2: 2 hour 15 minutes written exam. 30% of A-level

Paper 3: 2 hour 15 minutes written exam. 20% of A-level

Coursework: Independent Investigation. 20% of A-level

## **Entry requirements:**

9-5 GCSE Geography. Staff will assess the individual merits of students interested in taking Geography as an A-level option

## **Other course information:**

Students are required to do at least four days of fieldwork during the A-level course. • Coasts fieldwork – Swanage: three days residential – £170 in October of Year 12. • Regenerating Places – one day in the summer term of Year 12.

## **Who is the course for?**

- Students interested in careers as diverse as geology, civil engineering, social services, law, journalism, architecture, personnel management, countryside management, environmental management and town planning.
- Students with a genuine interest in the subject who wish to study a subject that links well with many other courses

## **Career pathways:**

Popular careers for people with geography qualifications include surveying, conservation, sustainability, town or transport planning, waste and water management, environmental planning, tourism, and weather forecasting

*“For anyone who enjoyed GCSE Geography, has a real interest in the world around them and enjoys analysis, problem solving and independent learning, I would definitely recommend Geography at Park House.”*