



GEOGRAPHY



What? Where? Why? How? What if?

Geography is concerned with place, with seeking to understand the difference between places, people's use of the Earth and how we interact with the environment.

Course Content and Assessment

This specification is engaging and relevant to all our students today. It will build on knowledge from the GCSE course and offers a balance between physical, human and environmental topics. It will enable students to engage critically with real world issues and places, and to apply their own Geographical knowledge, understanding and skills to make sense of the world around them.

Specification: Edexcel

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/geography-2016.html>

LEVEL	UNIT	EXAM	TOPICS STUDIED
A-Level	Unit 1 Physical Geography	<i>2 hr exam in June - 30%</i>	Tectonic processes/hazards, landscape systems, water insecurity, energy security, climate change.
	Unit 2 Human Geography	<i>2 hr exam in June - 30%</i>	Globalisation, shaping places, superpowers, global development.
	Unit 3 Synoptic themes	<i>1hr 45min exam in June - 20%</i>	Based on different geographical issues each year.
	Unit 4 Course work – Independent Investigation	<i>Non Examined Assessment – teacher marked and submitted</i>	Student defines their own question and hypothesis and researches the data independently using qualitative and quantitative techniques.
AS-Level	Unit 1 Physical Geography	1 hr 30 min exam in June – 50%	Tectonic processes/hazards, landscape systems and coastal landscapes/change (one day fieldwork involved)
	Unit 2 Human Geography	1 hr 30 min exam in June – 50%	Globalisation, shaping places, regenerating places (one day fieldwork involved)

Fieldwork Visits

The department runs a total of 2 residential fieldtrips during year 12 and 13. The first of these two trips will be based on a physical and human topic from unit 1 and Unit 2. It will be a residential visit lasting three days and two nights. The cost of this visit is approximately £150.00. This will incorporate the necessary fieldwork for AS and A level. For the second trip, we will be offering an optional geographical visit to Iceland for year 12 and Year 13 students.

Preferred Qualities and Qualifications

Beaumont Geographers need to be enthusiastic about the subject and have a real interest in the world around them. You need to be prepared to research and discuss complex ideas and have good literacy skills to write extended answers in the unit 1 and unit 2 exams. You will need to be able to work independently on fieldwork tasks with guidance from your teacher. You will need to be self-motivated and able to work effectively in small groups, and independently.

Future Pathways

We have a significant number of students who go on to study Geography at university each year. Amongst those who took this path over the last two years, students went to Birmingham University, Sheffield University, Exeter University and Leeds University. Others students have successfully applied for Geography related degrees, such as, International Development, Urban Planning and Geology. Geography is a broad subject which has been identified by the Russell Group of universities as a 'facilitating subject' which may lead to you having a much wider choice of options when applying for university.