

GEOGRAPHY

We use the W.J.E.C. Advanced Subsidiary (AS) and A2 course in Geography. The course deals with a diverse range of interesting and topical issues and includes case studies at a variety of scales. Throughout the course, opportunities are provided for developing students' key skills, including ICT.

Geography integrates well with most other A level subjects. It also develops a variety of skills which prepare students for higher education and employment. Geography is highly regarded by most universities.

Assessment

AS accounts for 40% of the final A level mark. The course is a flexible system, offering students the opportunity to resit modules in June of Year 13.



AS Level

The AS course is divided into two units:-

Unit 1 - (24%) - Changing Landscapes, Coastal and Tectonic Hazards

This is a two hour exam with five compulsory, structured data response questions

Unit 2 - (16%) - Changing Places and Field-work Investigation in Physical and Human Geography This is a one hour and 30 minute exam with five compulsory, structured data response questions.

A2 Level

At A2 level, students will complete two further units of study and an Individual Investigation.

Unit 3 - (24%) - Global Systems

This is a two hour exam covering water and carbon cycles, global migration and ocean studies, and a synoptic extended response question.

Unit 4 - (16%) - Contemporary Themes

This is a two hour written exam covering Tectonic Hazards and two options from Ecosystems, Economic Challenge, Sub-Saharan Development or Weather and Climate. These are a mix of extended responses and essay questions.

Unit 5 - (20%) - Independent Investigation

A 3-4,000 word independent investigation, based upon the collection of primary and secondary data information.

