

# 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 Fieldwork 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.

