

GEOGRAPHY

Exam Board: Edexcel

FULSTON MANOR SCHOOL



WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

Geography is an extremely relevant and broad subject which explores and analyses a range of issues which we are facing in our world today. Geography seeks a perspective on a world undergoing increased pressure for space and resources. In searching for the link between the physical environment and the living world geography provides the perfect complementary subject for those studying either sciences or subjects involving economic development. Its varied themes cross many disciplines and can prove stimulating for any student with an enquiring mind.

Those who complete the course could go on to study Geography at University or pursue related degrees such as International Development and Urban Planning. A-level Geography can be studied as a pathway to careers as diverse as planning or media and is highly regarded by business as a subject requiring a wide variety of skills and good all round ability.

AIMS OF THE COURSE

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. In Geography's pursuit of this understanding, the questions "what?", "where?", "why?", "how?" and "what if?" are central. Key aims are:

- To develop knowledge of locations, places, processes and environments, at all geographical scales from local to global across the specification as a whole
- To develop an in-depth understanding of processes in physical and human geography at a range of temporal and spatial scales
- To recognise and be able to analyse the complexity of people–environment interactions at all geographical scales, and appreciate how these underpin understanding of some of the key issues facing the world today
- To develop an understanding of, and ability to apply, the concepts of place, space, scale and environment

COURSE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

Paper 1: Dynamic Landscapes

Paper 3: Synoptic Paper

Paper 2: Dynamic Places

Coursework: Independent Investigation

ASSESSMENT

There are three external assessments (Paper 1, Paper 2 – each worth 30% of the course and Paper 3 – worth 20% of the course) plus coursework based on an independent geographical investigation – worth 20% of the course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be accepted on the A Level course a student should have at least 5 GCSEs at grades 9 - 4 (or equivalent). The course does utilise and build on prior learning and geographical knowledge from GCSE level. However, entrants to the course without a GCSE in Geography may be considered if they can show five grade 4 passes at GCSE including English Language at grade 4 or higher. If you are doing a GCSE in Geography, it will be expected that you achieve a grade 4 or above to enter these courses.