GEOGRAPHY

Exam Board: Edexcel
Entry Requirements: Students must achieve Grade 6 or above in Geography and a Grade 6 in Maths and English Language

COURSE SUMMARY

This course is designed to enable students to explore and evaluate contemporary geographical questions and issues, such as the consequences of globalisation, responses to hazards, water insecurity and climate change. The range of topics which are covered in the content provide students with the opportunity to develop an in-depth understanding of physical and human geography, and the complexities of people and the environment. Students are encouraged to become critical, reflective and independent learners. The skills developed in Geography support a range of subjects.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Paper 1 (30%)
Tectonic Processes and Hazards
Landscape systems, processes and change
The water cycle and water insecurity
The carbon cycle and energy security
Climate change futures
Examination: 2h exam made up of short answer questions (similar to a GCSE paper) and 2 essays.

Paper 2 (30%)
Globalisation
Shaping places
Superpowers
Global development and connections
Examination: 2h exam made up of short answer questions (similar to a GCSE paper) and 2 essays.

Paper 3 (20%)
Synoptic themes in Geography
Players
Attitudes and actions
Futures and uncertainties

Examination: 1h45m exam based on a resource booklet containing information about a geographical issue. The paper asks a variety of short answer questions and extended writing questions

Independent Investigation (20%)
Students are required to develop their own fieldwork question and analyse and evaluate primary and secondary data. You will undertake at least 4 days of first-hand study in a range of settings to complement your in-class studies and support the development of your independent investigation

Examination: 3000-4000 word written report which is internally assessed. This is great preparation for independent study at university level

CAREER CHOICES

Geography A Level students can progress to a range of science related course, that include: Geography, Geology, Environmental and Natural Sciences.
Having a geography A-level can be advantageous when applying for jobs in a variety of sectors, including environment and sustainability, physical systems, society, business, geographical techniques, development and global issues, settlement and travel, tourism, leisure and culture.