



A LEVEL Geography Edexcel

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW OR BE ABLE TO DO BEFORE TAKING THIS COURSE?

Before taking this course, you should feel confident that you have a broad interest in the wider world, be it curiosity about how a landscape has formed, or an interest in how a community might be affected by trans-national corporations. You must be motivated to expand your employability skills as well as your academic abilities. You should already feel confident in your literacy, numeracy and independent research skills. You need to be prepared to leave the classroom and see for yourself what is going on! You need to have studied GCSE Geography to take an Advanced GCE course in this subject. Students are required to achieve a grade 6 Geography and grade 5 in English Language GCSE.

WHAT WILL I LEARN ON THIS ADVANCED GCE COURSE?

The course will provide an issues-based approach to studying geography, enabling students to explore and evaluate contemporary geographical questions and issues such as the consequences of globalisation, responses to hazards, water insecurity and climate change.

Area of Study 1. Dynamic Landscapes

Topic 1: Tectonic Processes and Hazards

Topic 2: Landscape Systems, Processes and Change: Coastal landscapes and change

Area of Study 2. Dynamic Places

Topic 3: Globalisation

Topic 4: Shaping Places: Regenerating Places

Area of Study 3.

Physical Systems and Sustainability

Topic 5: The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity

Topic 6: The Carbon cycle and Energy Security

Human Systems and Geopolitics

Topic 7: Superpowers

Topic 8A: Health Human Rights and Intervention

Examinations:

There are 4 areas of assessment which include:

Paper 1: 2 hour paper (30% of the qualification)

Paper 2: 2 hour paper (30% of the qualification)

Paper 3: 1 hour 45 mins (20% of the qualification)

Coursework: 3000-4000 written report (20% of the qualification)

The examinations may include short open, open response and resource-linked questions. The examinations include 10-mark and 15-mark extended writing questions, with unit 3 including an 18 mark question.

Fieldwork - A minimum of 4 days fieldwork is required to support the A Level qualification.

Coursework is based on the fieldwork investigation where students will conduct, present and analyse primary fieldwork and secondary data. A residential trip to Swanage will provide students with the opportunity to study a range of dynamic landscapes and places including the Jurassic Coast and urban geographies. International trips are also offered and include destinations such as Iceland.

Opportunities to attend lectures by the Geographical Association and Royal Geographical Society are also available throughout the course.

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