



## A Level Geography

### Overview

The course aims to encourage learners to develop a range of essential skills for Higher Education and the world of work through content which is relevant to any citizen of the planet in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Through exciting topics learners will understand the nature of physical and human geography whilst unpicking the debates surrounding contemporary challenges facing the world today.

### Course Structure & Content

#### Physical systems

Landscape Systems  
Earth's Life Support Systems  
Geographical Skills

#### Human interactions

Changing Spaces; Making Places  
Global Connections  
Geographical Skills

#### Geographical debates Optional units (2 of 5)

Climate Change  
Disease Dilemmas  
Exploring Oceans  
Future of Food  
Hazardous Earth  
Geographical skills

#### Investigative Geography

Independent Investigation

### Assessment

Physical systems written exam (1 hour 45 mins) – 24%  
Human interactions written exam (1 hour 45 mins) – 24%  
Geographical debates written exam (2 hours 30 minutes) – 32%  
Investigative Geography non-exam assessment – 20%

### Entry Qualifications

Learners who are beginning the course are likely to have followed a Key Stage 4 programme of study. Although no prior knowledge of this subject is required students must have a GCSE

grade 5, or higher, in Geography or a similar subject e.g. History. The specification builds on, but does not depend on, the knowledge, understanding and skills specified for GCSE Geography.

This qualification provides the ideal foundation for learners to progress to Higher Education for study in Geography or a number of other subjects due to the skills gained.

### **Career Prospects**

Everything and anything! Employers like the flexibility and adaptability that Geographers bring. Equipped with ICT, decision making, and critical thinking skills, as well as being able to take an objective view on contemporary issues in the rapidly changing world in which we live.