

GEOGRAPHY

EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Physical Geography: This includes work on; tectonic processes and management of hazards, looking specifically at why some countries deal better with hazards than others. Glaciation - looking at how glacial landscapes are produced and how they are exploited by humans. The water cycle and water insecurity - looking closely at the workings of the water cycle and how when this fails the issue of water insecurity develops. This is echoed in the topic of the carbon cycle and energy insecurity

Human Geography: This area looks at the role humans play in the world and the complex relationship between different countries and places. We will look at globalisation first which addresses the complex relationships between countries as the world 'shrinks'. We then look at diverse places. This topic examines what makes a place unique through migration and identity. In year 13 we will look at superpower geography - this is the study of the rising powers of the BRIC countries. Finally, looking at Health, Human Rights and Intervention, looking at the relationships between human rights and geopolitical interventions.

Synoptic Themes: This area looks at the links between geography and the stakeholders involved in decision making. This will be rooted in a place example in a resource booklet.

Geography Investigation: Students complete an individual investigation (including collecting data) based on any part of the specification content.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Students will take three exams, each being 2 hours 15 minutes:

Paper 1: Physical Geography - 30%

Paper 2: Human Geography - 30%

Paper 3: Synoptic Themes - 20%

Component 4: Individual Investigation - 20%



MINIMUM GCSE REQUIREMENTS

- English and Maths grade 5, or;
- Geography and English grade 5

POSSIBLE PROGRESSION PATHWAYS

It is a useful (sometimes essential) option choice for anyone interested in a career related to many topics.

Some examples are:

- Town planning
- Human rights
- International
- Relations
- Energy supply
- Retail location
- Managing the effects of climate change
- Law

FIELDWORK OPPORTUNITIES

Students will be required to undertake a minimum of four full days of fieldwork. This currently involves a trip to East Yorkshire with the possibility of a foreign trip being organised for the Autumn term of Year 13.