KS5 | Curriculum
Geography

THE WALDERSLADE & GREENACRE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Qualification type / Exam Board

Edexcel A Level Geography

What will I learn about?

- In A level Geography, students will gain in-depth knowledge of physical and human geography, building on the content learnt at GCSE level.
- Physical geography will include water and carbon cycles, coastal systems and landscapes and ecosystems under stress.
- Human geography will include global systems and governance, changing places and resource security.
- The learner will also complete a fieldwork investigation that will be assessed as an independent investigation.

How is my work assessed?

80% examination and 20% coursework (fieldwork investigation)

- Exam paper 1: 105 marks, 2 hours and 15 mins, 30% of overall grade.
- Exam paper 2: 105 marks, 2 hours and 15 mins, 30% of overall grade.
- Exam paper 3: 70 marks, 2 hours and 15 mins, 20% of overall grade.
- Non examination assessment – Independent Investigation: 70 marks, 20% of overall grade.

What should I consider before starting this subject?

When studying A-level Geography, you will need to have a genuine interest in how natural systems and humans interact. The course will utilise your maths and problem-solving skills alongside discussion and extended research. This will help you become an independent thinker and learner so that by the time you get to your exams, you will be able to show your understanding of a range of opinions and be able to illustrate your answers with the case studies you have investigated.

Why is this course useful and what might it lead to?

Geography is a highly valued A-level that provides a broad understanding of how the world works and can unlock a wide variety of careers. The course helps to develop your skills in research, data analysis, referencing, map-reading and problem-solving. These skills are valued in careers such as urban planning, environmental science, business, law, energy supply, global development, international relations and medicine.

Entry requirements

GCSE English and Maths at a grade 4+, and a Grade 4+ at GCSE in Geography.

Where can I find more information?

Firstly, speak to your Geography teacher for any information you wish to know about the course.

You can also find further information on the Edexcel website:

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