

**WHY STUDY GEOGRAPHY?**

GCSE Geography affords students the opportunities to learn about people and their societies, cultures, economies and the environment. It also equips students with relevant skills that are increasingly sought by colleges, universities and employers. Moreover, the Royal Geographical Society (RGS) reports that Geography has the third lowest dropout rate at university level and the mean earnings of Geography graduates tends to be above average (>2%); this is especially true for female Geography graduates whose mean earnings are 10% above other graduates of the same age.

Geography has strong links with other subjects across the curriculum. Geographers develop skills in the presentation, interpretation, analysis and communication of all types of data and are familiar with a range of statistical analysis techniques. Handling and analysing spatial data is also an important skill, including using Geographic Information Systems (GIS). However, geography is also a field-based subject and experience of the real world is an essential part of geographical learning. Our students have opportunities to plan, undertake and report on fieldwork in physical and human UK environments.

**COURSE OVERVIEW**

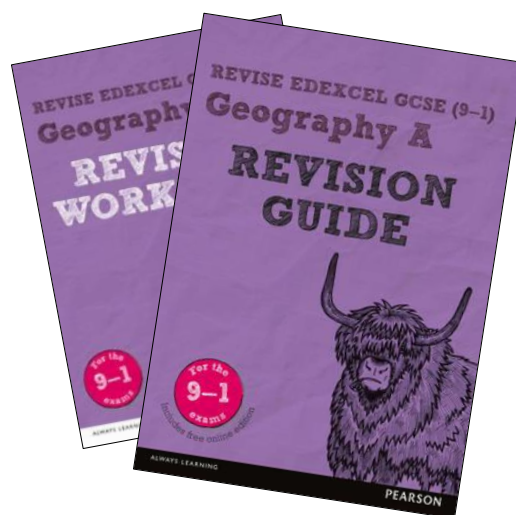
The Edexcel Geography A GCSE (9–1) exam consists of three 1hr. 30 min. papers which assess students' knowledge and understanding of a range of distinct topics. While there is no coursework component to the current specification, there exists a range of opportunities for fieldwork.

Exams	%	Topics	Exam dates
<b>Paper 1: The physical environment</b>	37.5	A. Changing Landscapes of the UK <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Landscapes & Processes <input type="checkbox"/> River Landscapes & Processes B. Weather Hazards & Climate Change C. Ecosystems, Biodiversity & Management	Summer 2021
<b>Paper 2: The human environment</b>	37.5	A. Changing Cities B. Global Development C. Resource Management <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resource Management	Summer 2021
<b>Paper 3: Geographical investigations: Fieldwork and UK challenges</b>	25	A. Physical applied fieldwork – Coasts B. Human applied fieldwork – Central Urban Area C. UK Challenges	Summer 2021

**HOW CAN YOUR CHILD REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL?**

Students have the opportunity to purchase revision guides through the school shop at a reduced price. These provide a concise and comprehensive overview of the curriculum and offer advice and practice relating to exam-style questions.

After school catch up sessions have been put on to plug the gaps from lockdown. These sessions will be useful for students' development of key exam skills – especially for extended writing questions.



It is also important that students:

- Complete **homework** on time - practice doing what the examiner is looking for
- Keep your **tracker** sheet up to date – easy to see the **progress** you are making
- Use your **Personalised Learning Checklist (PLC)** to **self-review** and find your areas that need more focus
- Make sure **classwork** is up to date – catch up on any work missed using your **learning map**

## USEFUL WEBSITES

BBC GCSE Bitesize (lots of information relating to geographical concepts, processes and case studies) –

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/>

Firefly (lessons and other materials used in class as well as homework assignments) –

<https://jhs.fireflycloud.net/>

Seneca (offers quizzes which are marked immediately and show students the knowledge gaps to improve) –

<http://www.senecalearning.com/>

Pearson website (offers past papers of the Edexcel Geography A specification) –

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/exams/past-papers.html>