

Exam Board: Edexcel
Qualification: 9GEO
Assessment Information: 3 exams all 2 hr 15 min
[Link to official specification](#)

Department Information:
*The A Level Geography classes follow the Edexcel specification, which adopts an enquiry-based approach to deepen students' understanding of diverse geographical concepts, places, and processes. Core themes balance contemporary and traditional aspects of both human and physical geography. The curriculum includes units on **coastal landscapes, tectonic processes, globalisation, regeneration, superpowers and human rights**, among others. Students also explore **environmental challenges** such as climate change and resource management in topics on the water and carbon. Fieldwork skills are developed through trips to Somerset FSC Nettlecombe Court and participation in the Student Hazard Conference in London, enhancing their practical experience and understanding of real-world applications.*

ACHIEVE in the curriculum:
The Geography Department at Furze Platt fosters excellence by encouraging students to be ambitious, collaborative, and happy. It promotes integrity through ethical practices and environmental respect, while teaching endurance and versatility to navigate challenges. This holistic approach prepares students to achieve their best in both academics and life.

Curriculum Aims & Intent:
The A Level Geography curriculum at Furze Platt aims to deepen students' understanding of complex physical and human geography, enhancing their critical thinking and analytical skills. It emphasizes connections to real-world issues and global challenges, encouraging the application of geographical tools and data analysis. This course prepares students for higher education and fosters informed, active citizenship.

Resources:
All lessons and resources are found in the Geography A Level resources.

How we keep parents informed:
*Year 13 - Progress reports are published 4 times per year, in October, November and February, with a face-to-face parents' evening in December.
Parental conversations as and when appropriate*

How parents can help their child:
Parents can support their child's A Level Geography preparation by encouraging curiosity about geographical topics and discussing current events. Providing resources like books and documentaries can deepen understanding. Promoting critical thinking through discussions, helping with study habits, and facilitating fieldwork opportunities are also beneficial. Additionally, assisting with organization, communicating with teachers, and encouraging collaborative study can enhance their readiness for the course.

What we study and when:					
Term	Unit, Topic Or Summary Of Work Covered	Knowledge, Understanding & Skills Developed	ACHIEVE / Personal Development Focus	How The Work Is Assessed	Careers Links
1 and 2 Human	Topic 7: Superpowers	Superpowers focuses on understanding the global influence of powerful nations and how they shape international dynamics. It explores the defining characteristics of superpowers, such as economic, military, and cultural dominance, and examines how power has shifted historically, from colonial empires to the current multipolar world. The topic analyses how superpowers exert control through strategies like military alliances, economic influence, and cultural soft power. It also assesses the global impact of these powers on international relations, development, and environmental issues. Finally, students are encouraged to evaluate future trends in global power, considering the rise of emerging nations and evolving geopolitical challenges. This topic aims to deepen students' understanding of how power is distributed globally and its effects on world affairs.	See info above	End of chapter Assessments, in class essay questions and exam practice questions.	Careers related to A Level superpower encompass various fields such as international relations, economics, political science, and security studies. Professionals in international relations analyse the dynamics between superpowers, studying diplomatic strategies and geopolitical influences that shape global interactions. Economists assess the economic policies and trade relationships of superpower nations, providing insights into their impact on global markets. Political scientists research the internal and external factors that contribute to a nation's superpower status, including governance, policy-making, and public opinion. Additionally, security analysts evaluate national defence strategies and international security issues, helping to understand the implications of superpower competition. Together, these careers play a crucial role in navigating the complexities of global power dynamics and their effects on international stability and cooperation.
1 and 2 Physical	Topic 5: The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity	The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity aims to help students understand the global water cycle and the growing challenges of water scarcity. It covers how water moves through the environment, how human activities disrupt the cycle, and the impacts of water shortages. The topic also explores solutions for managing water resources sustainably and addressing global water insecurity. Students gain a deeper understanding of water-related issues and strategies for ensuring future water security.	See info above	End of chapter Assessments, in class essay questions and exam practice questions.	Careers related to the A Level water cycle and water insecurity include roles in environmental science, hydrology, urban planning, and water resource management. Environmental scientists study the impacts of human activity on the water cycle and assess the health of aquatic ecosystems. Hydrologists focus on understanding the movement and distribution of water, analysing patterns of water availability and quality. Urban planners incorporate water management strategies into land-use planning,

					ensuring sustainable access to clean water for communities. Water resource managers develop policies and practices to address water scarcity and promote efficient use of water resources. Together, these careers are essential for addressing the challenges of water insecurity and promoting sustainable water management practices.
3 and 4 Human	Topic 8: Global Development and Connections – 8A Health, Human Rights and Intervention	Health, Human Rights, and Intervention aims to explore the relationships between health, human rights, and global interventions. It focuses on how health and human rights are indicators of development and examines the access to healthcare and the reasons behind interventions by governments and organizations. Students analyse the effectiveness and ethical implications of these interventions, enabling them to critically assess global health and human rights issues and the challenges in achieving equitable outcomes.	See info above	End of chapter Assessments, in class essay questions and exam practice questions.	Careers related to A Level health, human rights, and intervention span various fields, including public health, social work, law, and international relations. Public health professionals work to improve community health outcomes through research, education, and policy advocacy, addressing issues such as access to care and disease prevention. Social workers focus on supporting vulnerable populations, ensuring their rights are upheld and advocating for equitable access to resources and services. Lawyers specialising in human rights law work to protect individual freedoms and seek justice for violations. Additionally, international relations experts analyse the impact of health policies on global human rights and develop interventions that promote health equity. These careers are vital for advancing health and human rights on both local and global scales.
3 and 4 Physical	Topic 6: The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security	Edexcel A Level Geography's Core Topic 6: The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security focuses on understanding the carbon cycle's role in regulating climate and the links to energy security. It explores how carbon moves through different Earth systems and the impact of human activities, especially fossil fuel use. Students assess the implications of carbon emissions on climate change and the challenges of transitioning to sustainable energy sources. The aim is to enable critical analysis of global energy	See info above	End of chapter Assessments, in class essay questions and exam practice questions.	Careers related to the A Level carbon cycle and energy security encompass various fields, including environmental science, renewable energy, policy analysis, and sustainability consulting. Environmental scientists study the carbon cycle's dynamics and its impact on climate change, providing valuable insights for conservation and mitigation strategies. Renewable energy specialists focus on developing and implementing sustainable energy solutions, such as solar and wind power,

		demands and strategies for achieving energy security while mitigating climate change.			to reduce carbon emissions and enhance energy security. Policy analysts assess the effectiveness of energy policies and advocate for regulations that promote sustainable practices. Sustainability consultants help businesses and organisations integrate carbon management and energy efficiency into their operations. Together, these careers play a crucial role in addressing the challenges of climate change and ensuring a secure and sustainable energy future.
5	Paper 3 Preparation	Paper 3 is designed to assess students' understanding of the geographical concepts and skills they've learned throughout the course. The intent is to evaluate their ability to apply knowledge to real-world scenarios, analyse geographical data, and engage in critical thinking. The paper typically includes questions that require students to interpret maps, graphs, and case studies, as well as to evaluate geographical issues and debates. By focusing on fieldwork and applied geography, Paper 3 aims to enhance students' research skills and their ability to draw connections between theory and practical applications in geography. This prepares them for further studies or careers in related fields.	See info above	End of chapter Assessments, in class essay questions and exam practice questions.	
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