



"Geography prepares for the world of work - geographers, with their skills of analysis are highly employable!"

**"Geography is the subject which holds the key to our future"
- Michael Palin**

A-Level Geography

How does a countries geography affect it politics?

Will wars before over fossil fuels and water?

How should Antarctic be used in the future?



How do countries exert control over one another?

How do we solve uneven development?

Why are poorer countries more affected by natural disasters?

How will we solve the issues of climate change?

Will China become the next America?

Overview of Geography at A Level

- Issues-based subject, which sets out to promote enquiry and consideration of important and difficult issues
- It builds on what has been covered at GCSE, but also introduces new areas of study
 - Broadly divided into physical / human geography
- It retains the idea of issues analysis as a genuinely synoptic, cohesive form of assessment
 - Fieldwork and personal investigation are important
 - Contemporary issues feature prominently

WHAT TO EXPECT IN YEAR 12



Year 12 Topics

Dynamic Landscapes (25% of content)

Topic 1 - Tectonic Processes & Hazards

- Physical processes of tectonic hazards, such as earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis
- Focus on the management of the hazards



Topic 2 - Coastal Landscapes

- The focus is on physical systems, geology and landforms
- There is a significant focus on sea-level change and coastal flooding
- Management - in terms of SMPs, ICZM and hard and soft engineering



Dynamic Places (25% of content)

Topic 3 - Globalisation

- Globalisation & global networks
- Population change & migration
- The challenge for the future



Topic 4 - Regenerating Places

- Study a local place and one contrasting (urban or rural)
- Why is regeneration needed?
- How is regeneration managed?
- How successful is regeneration?



Year 12 Fieldtrip - Summer

Fieldwork – min. 4 days (compulsory)

- Residential & day trips
- This will form the data collection basis on their A Level Independent Investigation

Residential trip

- Nettlecombe FSC, Somerset
- Fieldwork for both Crowded Coasts & Regenerating Places
- Approx. cost £400.**

Day trips

- Day / ½ day visits to various locations (i.e. Maidenhead)
- Tectonic Conference London (either Year 12 or 13)



On our return to school we start working on the A Level NEA (Geography Coursework), worth 20% of your final grade.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN YEAR 13



Year 13 Topics

Physical Systems and Sustainability (25% of content)

Topic 5 - The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity

- Water Cycle
- Human and natural factors that impact on water cycling
- Consequences for water security
- Future water conflicts



Topic 6 - The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security

- The Carbon Cycle
- Human and natural factors impacting on carbon cycling, the consequences and the management
- Consequences on people and environments of the increasing demand for energy security



Human Systems and Geopolitics (25% of content)

Topic 7 – Superpowers



- Who are the superpowers of today?
- The reasons for shifting economic and political power
- The impacts of superpowers
- The influence of superpowers in governing global issues

Topic 8 - Global Development and Connections

- Health, Human Rights and Intervention
- Causes of geopolitical intervention
- Conflicts caused interventions
- Effectiveness of geopolitical interventions



Assessment Structure (end of Y13)

PAPER 1	PAPER 2	PAPER 3
<p>1. Dynamic Landscapes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic 1 - Tectonic Processes & Hazards (16 marks) • Topic 2 - Coastal Landscapes (40 marks) 	<p>2. Dynamic Places</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic 3 - Globalisation (16 marks) • Topic 4 - Regenerating Places (35 marks) 	<p>Issues Analysis Synoptic (unseen)</p>
<p>3. Physical Systems and Sustainability (49 marks combined)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic 5 - The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity • Topic 6 - The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security 	<p>4. Human Systems and Geopolitics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic 7 - Superpowers (16 marks) • Topic 8 - Global Development and Connections: Health, Human Rights and Intervention (38 marks) 	<p>2 hour 15 min exam 20% of Qualification (70 marks)</p>
<p>2 hour 15 min exam 30% of qual. (105 marks total)</p>	<p>2 hour 15 min exam 30% of qual. (105 marks total)</p>	<p>Coursework 20% of qual. (70 marks)</p>

Views from the students

"More discussions on global issues, which are more relevant"

"Relationship between teachers change"

"Lessons are more in-depth as to why problems are occurring"

"By carrying out field research for ourselves we can now understand, relate and have our own opinions on the different topics and debates on the specific places we visited"

"You have much more chance for independent study"

"It was also a great opportunity for us to take on the responsibility of our own learning which set us up for the rest of sixth form"

"It is definitely different from GCSE, with longer writing tasks"

"The fieldtrip helps to improve friendships with classmates"

Why Geography?

What are employers most looking for in you?

- Ability to think critically
- Advanced Analytical Skills
- Understanding and interpreting complex data
- Advanced technology skills
- Understanding socio-economic environments
- Cultural Agility (teamwork)

What does Geography offer you?

- Critical Thinking skills
- Advanced Analytical Skills
- Understanding and interpreting complex data
- Advanced technology skills
- Understanding socio-economic environments
- Teamwork is core in fieldwork

85% of geography graduates are in full/part time employment (above national average 82%)
67% of geography graduates in work in professional and managerial jobs

Geography Prefects

As an A Level geography students you will be presented with the opportunity to apply for the role of Subject Ambassador (Geography Prefect).

Geography Prefect – What does the role entail?

- Geography Prefects will work closely with the Geography Department supporting staff and students in a variety of different ways. This may involve responsibilities such as:
- Supporting school and department initiatives
- Supporting charity drives
- Speaking to audiences of students, staff and parents
- Assisting at school events such as Parents' Evenings and Celebration Evenings
- Working as a Geography mentor for students lower down the school

What careers can I go into with Geography?

Directly related

- Town and transport planning
- Chartered surveying
- Land and water management
- Sustainability
- Environmental consultancy
- Development, tourism
- Conservation
- Demography
- Housing and social welfare

Transferable skills careers

- ICT
- Administration and management,
- Finance
- Marketing/Advertising
- Research,
- Industry and manufacturing
- Law
- Retail
- Sales
- Armed Forces
- Journalism

Further Study

- To develop a career in research (Masters or PhD)
- Teaching (PGCE), or to advance qualifications for entry into more specialised professions (Masters or PhD).

Combinations

Geography compliments many other subjects at A Level:

- Sciences
- Humanities*
- Business & Economics
- Philosophy & Ethics
- Arts & Practical subjects

*(English writing ability is a strong element of A Level Geography)

Plus Geography is relevant to many degree and courses.

What Next?

- Speak to your teacher (or Mr. Wellard-Jeffs joe.wellard-jeffs@furzeplatt.net) if you have any questions.
- Current 6th Form Geographers will be coming to your class to give a pupil-eye view of Geography in the 6th Form.

ANY QUESTIONS?

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