Course Title:

Geography

Exam Board

Edexcel

Description:

A-Level Geography will study these topics in Year 12:

Area of study 1: Dynamic Landscapes

Tectonic Processes and Hazards

Why are some locations more at risk from tectonic hazards?

Why do some tectonic hazards develop into disasters?

How successful is the management of tectonic hazards and disasters?

Landscape Systems, Processes and Change: Coastal Landscapes and Change

Why are coastal landscapes different and what processes cause these differences?

How do characteristic coastal landforms contribute to coastal landscapes?

How do coastal erosion and sea level change alter the physical characteristics of coastlines and increase risks?

How can coastlines be managed to meet the needs of all players?

Globalisation

What are the causes of globalisation and why has it accelerated in recent decades?

What are the impacts of globalisation for countries, different groups of people and cultures?

What are the consequences of globalisation for global development and how should different players respond to its challenges?

Shaping Places: Regenerating Places

How and why do places vary?

Why is regeneration needed?

How is regeneration managed?

How successful is regeneration?

A-Level Geography will study these topics in Year 13:

The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity

What are the processes operating within the hydrological cycle from global to local scale?

What factors influence the hydrological system over short- and long-term timescales?

How does water insecurity occur and why is it becoming such a global issue for the 21st century?

The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security

How does the carbon cycle operate to maintain planetary health?

How has demand for energy caused significant changes to the carbon stores and fluxes?

How are the carbon and water cycles linked to the global climate system?

Superpowers

What are superpowers and how have they changed over time?

What are the impacts of superpowers on the global economy, political systems and the environment?

What spheres of influence are contested by superpowers and what are the implications of this?

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Global Development and Connections: Migration, Identity and Sovereignty

What are the impacts of globalisation on international migration?

How are nation states defined and how have they evolved in a globalising world?

What are the impacts of global organisations on managing global issues and conflicts?

What are the threats to national sovereignty in a more globalised world?

Assessment:

3 examinations: Paper 1 (30%), Paper 2 (30%), and Paper 3 (20%)

1 coursework (Non-Examined Assessment) (20%)

Admission Criteria:

Grade 6 or higher in GCSE Geography

Additional Information:

The course involves undertaking fieldwork.