

Geography

Examination Board: Edexcel

Why study Geography?

Geography is a subject that addresses key ideas and debates in our world today. Through the study of places, environments, processes and key concepts, students are able to understand and interpret their changing world. Geography helps students to develop as global citizens, equips them with new skills and encourages them to become critical and reflective learners who are inspired by the world around them. Fieldwork and research skills are a key feature of the A-level course.

Geography is an extremely versatile and well-recognised qualification that can be studied to degree level as an art or as a science. It is a useful qualification for the following university courses; Architecture, Biomedical Science, Civil Engineering, Geology, Industrial Design, Logistics, Mechanical Engineering, Planning and many others.

Entry Requirements

A range of good GCSEs, ideally one of them Geography, is required.

Subject Specification

Area of study 1: Dynamic Landscapes - Tectonic Processes and Hazards, Coastal Landscapes and Change.

Area of study 2: Dynamic Places - Globalisation, Regenerating Places.

Area of study 3: Physical Systems and Sustainability - The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity, The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security.

Area of study 4: Human Systems and Geopolitics - Superpowers, Health, Human Rights and Intervention.

Examinations

Paper 1: 2hrs and 15 min written exam (30% weighting at A-level, 105 marks).

Paper 2: 2hrs and 15 min written exam (30% weighting at A-level, 105 marks).

Paper 3: 2hrs and 15 min written exam (20% weighting at A-level, 70 marks).

Coursework: Independent Investigation (3000 – 4000 words)

Further Information

Students or parents requiring further details are most welcome to contact Miss J Johnson, Head of Geography (jmj@oswestryschool.org.uk).

