

A Level Geography

at The Warriner School



Geography A Level

Awarding body: Edexcel

Entry requirements: Grade 6 or higher in Geography GCSE is desirable and at least a Grade 5 in English and Maths

Assessment structure: 2 exams of 2 hours, 1 exam of 1 hour 45 minutes and a piece of coursework. All exams are at the end of the second year.

Course breakdown: The course teaches 9 topics across the 2 years:

Topic 1: Tectonic Processes and Hazards

Topic 2: Coastal Landscapes and Change.

Topic 3: Globalisation

Topic 4: Regenerating places

Topic 5: The water cycle and water insecurity.

Topic 6: The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security.

Topic 7: Climate Change Futures.

Topic 8: Superpowers.

Topic 9: Global development and connections.

These topics are assessed in the following manner:

Paper 1 = Physical geography topics e.g. Hazards and climate change (30% of the qualification).

Paper 2 = Human geography topics e.g. development, globalisation and superpowers (30% of the qualification).

Paper 3 = Synoptic paper looking at attitudes, players and decisions (20% of the qualification).

Coursework = A 3000-4000 word report on a physical topic, a human topic or a combination of the 2. This will consist of 4 days of residential fieldwork that will incur a financial (approximately £400) cost for students participating in the course (20% of the qualification). There is financial assistance available through the Sixth Form Bursary.

Skills required: Essay writing, Assessing, Evaluating, Report writing, data presentation and manipulation, Map reading, Analysis.

Careers: Geography is great for any kind of career that involves the environment, planning, or collecting and interpreting data. Popular careers for people with Geography qualifications include: town or transport planning, surveying, conservation, sustainability, waste and water management, environmental planning, tourism, and weather forecasting.