

Guilsborough Academy Sixth Form

KS5 CURRICULUM

Course Title: **A Level Geography**

Examination Board: Edexcel



Entry Requirements: GCSE Geography B

Assessment:

Three written examinations and one controlled assessment.

Paper 1 (physical) is worth 30% (2 hours)

Paper 2 (human) is worth 30% (2 hours)

Paper 3 is a synoptic paper that will be based around a pre released booklet but will require knowledge from both paper 1 and 2. This is worth 20% (1.45 hours).

The controlled assessment worth 20% and is presented as a report of 3000-4000 words. The individual student will decide on the title and the sequence of the investigation but can be either physical or human.

Is This Course Right For Me?

This course is designed to develop an interest in how key events in the past have shaped the world we live in today. Critical to the success in this subject is a passion to investigate the past and form your own conclusion. The exploration of controversial aspects of our past not only allows enjoyment but also develop an academic style which can be applied to any career in the future.

Unit Contents:

Unit 1 – Physical Geography

- Tectonic process and hazards
- Landscape system, processes and change
- The water cycle and water insecurity
- The carbon cycle and energy security
- Climate change futures.

Unit 2 – Human geography

- Globalisation
- Shaping places
- Superpowers
- Global Development and connections

Unit 3 – Synoptic paper

- Players
- Attitudes
- Futures and uncertainties
- Each of these subsections are based around the topics in unit1 and 2.

Progression:

Geography provides students with an understanding of the world they will be entering. It encourages them to question ideas and evaluate the reliability of different sources. This prepares students to enter the world of further education or work with an open mind. There are many careers which lend themselves to geography such as surveying, international aid worker and landscape architecture. As both human and physical geography is incorporated it encourages interactions with society and the environment.

Example of university courses and grades required

- **Newcastle University** BSc (Hons) Geography– AAB
- **Coventry University.** BA (Hons) Geography – ABB
- **Oxford University** BSc (Hons) Geography – A*AA
- **Manchester university** BSc (Hons) International disaster management – ABB

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