

AS / A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

Entry requirements - 5 grade A-C at GCSE.

The new specification offers an exciting course in modern geography focusing on global warming, tectonic hazards, globalisation and rebranding urban areas. It also provides an opportunity for 3 days of residential fieldwork likely to be in North Norfolk or North Yorkshire.

Units in Year 12 (AS)

Unit 1: Global Challenges—A range of topics including Global Hazards, Climate Change, Global water security, Migration, Globalisation and Megacities. This unit is 30% of the whole A Level course and is assessed by a 1 hour 30 minutes exam.

Unit 2: Geographical Investigations—The unit offers an opportunity to undertake geographical research, including fieldwork. Two topics will be investigated in depth, one of Extreme Weather or Crowded Coasts and one of Unequal Spaces or Rebranding Places. This unit is worth 20% of the whole A Level course and is assessed by a 1 hour exam.

Units in Year 13 (A2)

Unit 3: Contested Planet—Considers five key world issues such as water conflicts, biodiversity under threat, superpower geographies and bridging the development gap. This unit is worth 30% of the whole A Level course and is assessed by a 2 hour 30 minutes exam.

Unit 4: Geographical research—This unit encourages independent investigative skills. There are a range of study options in this unit including: Tectonic activity and Hazards, Life on the Margins, The World of Cultural Diversity and Pollution and Human Health at Risk. This unit is worth 20% of the whole A Level and is assessed by a 1 hour 30 minutes exam based on pre-released materials.