



# Welcome to Edexcel A Level Geography

‘Thinking Geographically’

change  
place scale  
environment space sustainability  
interconnection

# Aim for today

- Run through course
  - Content
  - Expectations
- Set work for the summer break
- Find out more about what you will be studying

# Course Content: Edexcel Geography

## Year 1

- Dynamic landscapes (paper 1)
  - Tectonic processes and hazards
  - Coastal landscapes
- Dynamic places (paper 2)
  - Globalisation
  - Diverse places

## Year 2

- Physical systems & sustainability (paper 1)
  - Water cycle and water insecurity
  - Carbon cycle and energy security
- Global development & connections (paper 2)
  - Superpowers
  - Migration, identity and sovereignty

**Throughout course – geographical skills and fieldwork skills**

# Assessment

- All at end of year 2
  - Paper 1 – Physical – 30%
    - Topics 1, 2B, 5 & 6
  - Paper 2 – Human – 30%
    - Topics 3, 4B, 7 & 8B
  - Paper 3 – Synoptic Investigation – 20%
    - Resource booklet looking at themes of
      - Players
      - Attitudes and actions
      - Futures and uncertainties
    - Could be on any aspect of topics 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 or linked between them
  - Independent Investigation – 20%
    - Own investigation on any aspect of course studied
    - Involves fieldwork

# Minimum Entry Requirements

- Average points score – 5.1
- **Grade 5** in GCSE Geography
- **Grade 5** in GCSE English Language OR Literature
- **Grade 5** in GCSE Maths (discussion with department if a grade 4)
- The new A level contains a lot of Maths and Statistics along with extended essay writing.

# Expectations

- A level Geography is hard work
- In order to achieve your best possible grade will need
  - Good attendance
  - Punctuality
  - Focus
  - A determination to succeed
  - A Positive Mental Attitude – PMA!
  - To make most of ‘prep time’ and free periods
  - To read around the subject – follow us @samwhitgeog and use it!
  - Two level arch folders: 1 for Physical units and 1 for human units
- In return
  - Supportive, dedicated, hard working teachers
  - Good resources

# Fieldwork

- Compulsory field trip to Wales for 5 days
- Compulsory minimum of 4 days fieldwork over the 2 years
- A residential + some local fieldwork
- Will provide potential content for your independent investigation
- Residential cost – approx. £350 - £400
- Potential for an enrichment fieldtrip at end of year 1



# Summer Homework for the Physical Units

- Topic 1 – **Tectonics**
- Produce detailed notes and diagrams on the following aspects
  - Earth's structure
    - Layers
    - Properties
    - Convection currents
  - The theory behind continental drift
    - Wegener's theory
    - Biological evidence
    - Climatological evidence
    - Geological evidence
    - Palaeomagnetism
  - Plate boundaries
    - Constructive (divergent)
    - Destructive (convergent) - Subduction (oceanic + continental, oceanic + oceanic)
    - Destructive (convergent) - Collision
    - Conservative

## Up your game!

- Use A level terminology
- Start a 'key terms' list with definitions
- Put work in to your own words – don't just copy
- Learn it!
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# Summer Homework for the Human Units

- Topic 1 – **GLOBALISATION**
- Produce detailed notes and on the following aspects
  - What is globalisation?
  - Causes of globalisation
  - How does free trade increase globalisation?
  - What is the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?
  - What is the World Bank?
  - What is the World Trade Organisation (WTO)?

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In the first lesson back in September, your teachers will expect to see the notes you have made for the summer homework. If these are not completed in detail a meeting will take place to discuss suitability for the A Level geography course.

# Optional Summer Homework

- MOOCS or Massive Open Online Courses
- An opportunity for you to start exploring the world of Geography in your own time
- Available MOOCs with Future Learn:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/categories/nature-and-environment-courses>

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/categories/politics-and-the-modern-world-courses>

- Free
- In your own time
- Excellent additional application evidence for
  - UCAS
  - Apprenticeships
  - Jobs

# What will you learn about?

- 8 main topics
- In your groups, prepare a 2 minute presentation to summarise the topic you have been given
- Use sugar paper to illustrate your points
- Be ready to share

RESOURCE FOR EACH GROUP – The unit specification content that you will be taught from September.