



PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Geography

Exam Board: Edexcel

Course Specification: 9GEO

Qualification obtained: Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE
in Geography

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Subject Overview

Geography is an exciting and dynamic subject that allows us to analyse some of the day-to-day landscapes and events that surround us. The course we are following is EdExcel B. It is an issues-based approach to studying Geography; enabling students to explore and evaluate contemporary geographical questions and issues such as the consequences of globalisation, responses to hazards, water insecurity and climate change, and issues of identity. Many of these issues are regularly highlighted in the news and as our economic, political, and physical environments around us are evolving, Geography has never been more relevant.

Geography is one of the few subjects that combines the ability to analyse data through the use of statistics, whilst also developing critical thinking and the ability to write extended answers. Geography, along with only two other subjects has a coursework component which allows pupils to show demonstrate their ability to plan, carry out and investigation and then provide a detailed written analysis.

Assessment percentage Exam: 80%

Assessment percentage Coursework: 20%

Progression Routes:

Geography is considered a facilitating subject by the Russell Group Universities and so can be used to support entry into a number of subjects including Engineering, Development Studies, Environmental Studies, Town Planning, Law (please note this is not an exhaustive list but rather a guide).

At university Geography can, of course, be studied as a subject in its' own right. We have had students every year going on to study Geography both as BSc and BA courses. Some have also gone on to study Geography as a joint honours with subjects such as Economics, Geology, and Languages.

Geography graduates are still some of the most easily employable due to the variety of skills learnt and the different foci that can be followed and thus allow many different career paths to be followed, from teacher to lawyers or engineers.

GCSE Subject Exam results minimum requirements:

- A Grade 6 in *Geography*
- At least 6 other GCSE subjects with Grade 4s. These must include *English Language AND Mathematics*.

Complementary learning:

Geography 'goes well' with a number of subjects.

Are you interested in...?	Complementary subjects
Designing building or landscapes?	Geography; <i>Physics; Art</i>
The world and how it functions?	Geography; <i>Economics; Politics</i>
Globalisation?	Geography; <i>Economics; Business</i>
Geospatial analysis?	Geography; <i>Computing; D&T</i>
Engineering?	Geography; <i>Physics; D&T</i>
The natural environment?	Geography; <i>Biology; Chemistry</i>

Student Quote:

“Geography is all encompassing; it makes the world make sense. It links other subjects together and the skills that you learn are useful for everything”

Year 12

Geography covers a number of different topics over a two-year course. You will be taught the units by different teachers and not in the order shown, although many topics overlap due to the synoptic nature of the course (and hence, paper 2). Please note the below units are currently being taught, however this is subject to change. Unit 2A: Glaciated Landscapes and changes.

Topics covered:

Physical Units:

- Topic 1: Tectonic Processes and Hazards
- Topic 2: Landscape Systems, Processes and Change with option 2A: Glaciated Landscapes and changes
- Topic 5: The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity

Human Units:

- Topic 4: Shaping places with option 4B: Diverse Places
- Topic 8: Global Development and Connections with option 8B: Migration, Identity and Sovereignty

Year 13

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Topics covered:

Physical Units:

- Topic 6: The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security

Human Units:

- Topic 3: Globalisation
- Topic 7: Superpowers

Assessment

Is 80 percent Exam and 20% Coursework.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Assessment Details	Weighting
9GE0/01	Dynamic Landscapes and Physical Systems and Sustainability	Written Examination: 105 marks, 2hr 15min	30%
9GE0/02	Dynamic Places, Human Systems and Geopolitics	Written Examination: 105 marks, 2hr 15min	30%
9GE0/03	Synoptic investigation of a contemporary geographical issue	Written Examination: 70 marks, 2hr 15min	20%
9GE0/04	Independent Investigation	Non-examined assessment: 70 marks, Written report of 3000-4000 words	20%

Additional information

Course specific equipment:

- Textbooks
- Calculator

Essential Reading Material:

Digby et al (2016) Geography for Edexcel A level Year 1 and AS. OUP: Oxford

ISBN 9780198366454

Digby et al (2017) Geography for Edexcel A Level Year 2. OUP: Oxford

ISBN 9780198366485

Recommended resources:

<https://www.jstor.org/subjects>

<https://www.geographical.magazine.co.uk>

Geography Review – accessible through the school library page

Enrichment:

Currently two field trips overall cost approximately £200-300

Potential student conference days covering different topics – this year they have cost about £20