



A Level Geography

The Syllabus

A level Geography is changing to a two year course and the content and assessment of this subject is still dependent upon government approval. Draft syllabi have been published and at the moment we are likely to go with Edexcel. This provides an exciting range of opportunity for students and builds upon the human and physical geography studied at GCSE level whilst looking at current issues in a little more depth.

The A Level Course

The proposed A Level syllabus is composed of 4 areas of study:-

Area of study 1: Dynamic Landscapes

Area of study 2: Dynamic Places

Area of study 3: Physical Systems and Sustainability

Area of study 4: Human Systems and Geopolitics

Assessment

The proposed exams will be at the end of the two year course in May/June

Paper 1 - 2 hours - 30%

Paper 2 - 2 hours - 30%

Paper 3 - 1½ hours - 20%

Coursework based on independent fieldwork investigation - 20%

Residential Field Work

During the A Level course several field work days will be arranged to introduce students to the different field work techniques and to allow them to collect information for their own Environmental investigations. There will also be a residential field course to cover some of the syllabus and to allow them to collect primary data for the completion of the coursework element of the course. Attendance on this field course is essential as it enables students to carry out fieldwork at a coastal location. This fieldwork also gives our students opportunities to work with other sixth form students.



Results
Advanced Level students
studying Geography at
Swanshurst achieve
outstanding results
(100% A-E)

Extra-Curricular support

Students will have the opportunity to visit many universities for Geography conferences with other Advanced level students. The department also encourages students to take part in Geographical Association lectures which take place at Birmingham University. Within the Geography department there is an extensive library of resources which can be borrowed by the students for research purposes.

Can I study this subject...



The A level course in Geography at Swanshurst Sixth Form is only open to students achieving A-C in their Geography GCSE and they will require at least 5 GCSEs, or equivalent, at grade C or above .