

A Level Geography course guide



Specification: Edexcel A Level Geography – This is a 2 year course. You will not be entered for the AS Geography exam.

What will I be learning about?

There are a total of 8 topics across the two year course.

Year 12	Dynamic Landscapes	Dynamic Places
	1. Tectonic processes and hazards 2. Landscape systems processes and change- 2b. Coastal Landscapes	3. Globalisation 4. Shaping places- 4a. Regenerating places
Year 13	Physical Systems and sustainability	Global development and connections
	5. The water cycle and water insecurity 6. The carbon cycle and energy insecurity	7. Superpowers 8. Global development and connections- 8a. Health, rights and intervention

How will I be assessed?

This is a 2 year linear course so all of your exams are at the end of year 13.

Paper 1 – 30%	Paper 2 – 30%
1. Tectonic processes and hazards 2. Landscape systems processes and change 2b. Coastal Landscapes 5. The water cycle and water insecurity 6. The carbon cycle and energy insecurity	3. Globalisation 4. Shaping places 4a. Regenerating places 7. Superpowers 8. Global development and connections 8a. Health, rights and intervention
Paper 3 – 20%	Coursework – 20%
Synoptic investigation with resource booklet (not pre-released)	Independent investigation 3000-4000 words. Based on fieldtrip in year 12

Geography Practicalities

You will have 2 teachers. Most lessons will be taught in William Morris block or L3. Periods are 50 minutes long, some lessons will be double periods. In addition to class work, you are required to undertake 5 hours homework per week as a minimum for Geography outside of lessons (mix of guided and independent study).

What fieldwork is involved?

- Lecture trips to London.
- 5 day trips out to geographical sites.
- Local field work on school ground and Bromley area

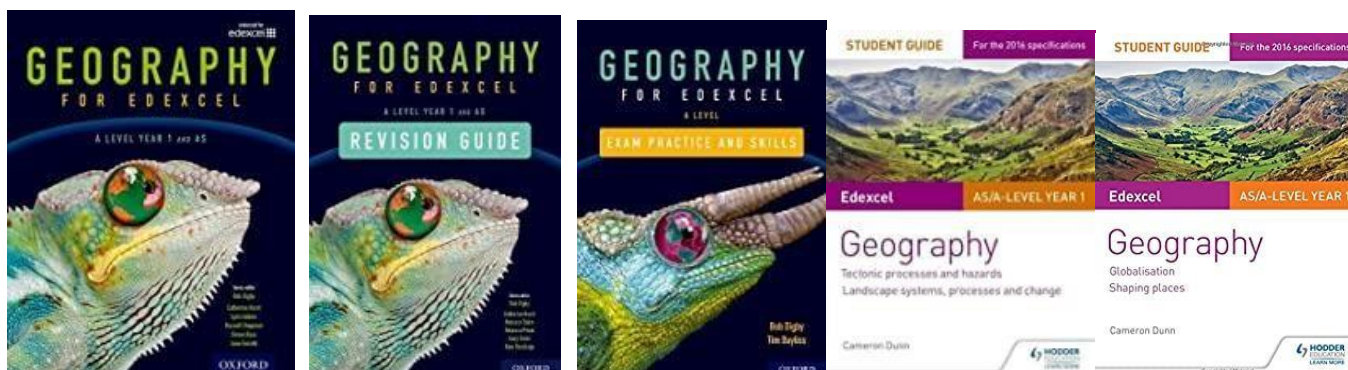
Other opportunities. Lectures from RGS, Geography club, in class support and mentors for year 11 students

Folders and equipment

We ask that you have a ringbinder/lever arch folder that you bring to lessons. This should contain dividers for each of your topics. You should also bring your own lined paper.

Textbooks

We have a few textbooks that you can use in lessons but you will not be able to take these home. Some students choose to buy a revision guide or the online version of the textbooks. Below are a few images of the books that we recommend. They can all be purchased from Amazon or the Oxford university press website.



Summer Preparation Tasks

The best geographers are those who have an interest in the world around them and can work independently on ideas.

Task 1: We want you to choose **at least 3 different** geographical resources to learn about e.g. book, documentary, podcast, news article. We would then like you to **write up what you have found out**. This should be one page minimum per activity. E.g. You could read a book and write up a book review, write a fact file about a news story, complete a course. We are looking at your writing style, geographical skills (e.g. use of maps, graphs, statistics), use of your opinion (assessment) and ability to think geographically.

Task 2: Essay. You have a choice of question from A or B:

A) Overall is globalisation positive or negative? Discuss.

You must consider:

- Cover both sides of the argument
- Consider different groups of people
- Use case study examples
- 2-3 sides of A4 handwritten

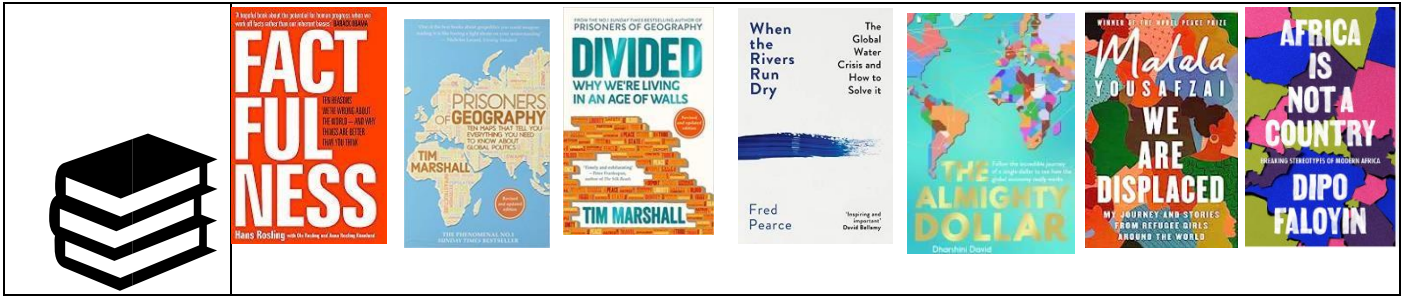
B) Why are some places more at risk from disasters than others?

You must consider:

- The cause of a variety of hazards in multiple hazard zones e.g. tectonic and hydrometeorological
- Management of the hazards (Might consider level of development, population etc.)
- Use case study examples
- 2-3 sides of A4 handwritten

Geographical Resources

Some ideas of resources you can use to investigate and write up to hand to your teacher in September.



Non Fiction Books: The Sceptical Environmentalist (Lomborg), Chasing the Devil (Butcher, T), The Weather Makers (Flannery, T), The Ukimwi Road (Murphy, D),



Films: An Inconvenient Truth, BBC Africa series, BBC Human Planet, BBC Frozen Planet, BBC Planet Earth, BBC Blue Planet.

	Overheard – National Geographic Podcast Science Weekly – The Guardian Podcast Ask the geographer Podcasts (Royal Geographical society) The Development Podcast – World Bank The World Economic Forum Podcasts	Planet Money – The economy explained RGS Online Lectures BBC Earth Home BBC The Documentary Podcast Living Planet Podcast The Economist podcast
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	World economic forum videos Royal Geographical Society Youtube iPlayer Science and Nature Playlist iPlayer Climate Change Playlist	iPlayer Earth from Space iPlayer Race Across the World iPlayer Africa with Ade Adepitan iPlayer Fashion Conscious
	Sporcle – country and capital knowledge Geoguesser UNDRR Stop disaster emergency planning game The Ocean Game – can you save the town?	

Should you have any questions about Geography at Bullers Wood or about the holiday tasks, please do not hesitate to email Miss Giacomazzi at: rgiacopazzi@bwsgirls.org