

Geography

A LEVEL

Exam Board: **Edexcel**



Beckfoot
Sixth Form

Studying Geography enables students to explore and evaluate contemporary geographical questions and issues such as the consequences of globalisation, responses to hazards, water insecurity and climate change. Students are given the opportunity to develop an in-depth understanding of Physical and Human Geography, the complexity of people and environmental questions and issues, and to become critical, reflective and independent learners.

Subject specific criteria:

- Grade 5 in GCSE Geography
- Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics
- Grade 5 in English

Skills required:

- Analytical skills
- Graphical skills
- Mathematical skills
- Cartographical skills

Units studied:

Paper 1: Physical Geography

Tectonic Processes and Hazards, Coastal Landscape and Change, Water Cycle and Water Insecurity, Carbon Cycle and Energy Security.

Paper 2: Human Geography

Globalisation, Superpowers, Diverse Places, Health and Human Rights.

Paper 3: Synoptic paper

Discussion around players, actions and futures based around a geographical issue.

Independent Fieldwork Enquiry:

A non-examined unit in which students investigate a theme of their own choosing.

Futures:

Once students have gained a Geography A Level they may further continue their studies at University on a Geography degree or an Environmental Science degree. Studying Geography can then lead to careers in Town Planning, Environmental Consultancy, Geographical Information Systems, Conservation, Teaching, Retail Planning, Meteorology and Climatology. As the third most employable degree after Medicine and Dentistry, using the skills that they have acquired, Geography can lead to a variety of careers.

Subject enrichment:

Students must undertake an independent fieldwork enquiry that is conducted over a four day residential in the Lake District. Students will investigate a theme of their choice and will stay at the Blencathra FSC Hostel overlooking Derwent Water. During the trip students will conduct a variety of fieldwork methods at various locations such as Keswick and along the West Cumbrian Coast. Students are required to cover the cost of the trip, estimated at £350.