



WESTONBIRT
— SCHOOL —

GEOGRAPHY A-LEVEL

Exam Board - EDUQAS

What can I expect from this subject?

Geography is an absolutely vital subject to help us understand the rapidly evolving world of the 21st century and the social, economic and environmental challenges which face us. In this two-year, A-Level course you can expect to study academic and contemporary geography. Geography ranges from the traditional physical geography of glaciers and volcanoes to the more modern study of changing places and global systems. All of this study is underpinned by an understanding of the different skills both mathematical and literary, which underpin the subject, as well as a theoretical analysis of the understanding of place and how it affects our lives and wellbeing. This course is composed of 20% coursework and 80% examination.

What can I do to prepare for this course?

- Maximise your geographical knowledge and understanding literacy by reading a variety of novels and non-fiction texts
- Always keep a constant watch on the news, both print and TV.
- If possible, travel as much as you can, explore your local area and new places and be inquisitive.
- Always be asking questions of the places you go and landscapes you see – who, where, why, what and how?
- Take part in the annual Young Geographer of the Year competition run by the RGS. This year's theme is 'The geography beyond my window?'

What will my next steps be?

Many students go on to study at higher education institutes using their Geography A-Level, reading subjects such as geography, international development, as well as a healthy combination of joint honours courses. Many Westonbirt students have gone on to have very successful careers in a variety of geography-related jobs. Geography is a useful course for those who want to keep their options open for a wide range of professional careers but also lends itself to planning, event management, law, environmental engineering and journalism.