



Wigston College

Geography

A Level 2021 - 2023

Examination Board

Edexcel A Level Geography 9GEO

Entry Requirements:

GCSE Grade 5 in Geography. If you have not studied this subject at GCSE level you will need GCSE Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature and Grade 4 in Maths

What will I be studying?

Topic 1: Tectonic Processes and Hazards.

Tectonic processes, a study of the causes of tectonic hazards, the impact of tectonic activity on people, and responses to tectonic hazards.

Topic 2: Landscape Systems, Processes and Change.

An integrated study of processes, landforms and landscapes. A study of one landscape system and the physical and human processes influencing change over time and space.
Option 2b: Coastal Landscapes and Change.

Topic 3: Globalisation

A study of globalisation, its causes and consequences for different people and places.

Topic 4: Shaping Places

A study of how and why places are shaped and changed, the meanings and identities attached to different places and the consequences for different people. Option 4a: Regenerating Places.

Topic 5: The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity

Water cycle, human and natural factors that impact on water cycling, consequences for water security and future water conflicts.

Topic 6: The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security

Carbon cycle, human and natural factors impacting on carbon cycling, the consequences for ecosystems and management strategies.

Topic 7: Superpowers

Superpowers, the reasons for shifting economic and political power, the impacts of superpowers, influence of superpowers in governing the global commons.

Topic 8: Global Development and Connections

Option 8a: Human Health and development

How and why human development changes from place to place and human right arguments for political and military intervention and its outcomes.

How will I be studying?

The course will be taught by 2 teachers and there will be range of activities including group work, discussions and written tasks. You will be expected to play an active role in lessons.

How will I be assessed?

There are 4 assessed elements to the A level.

Paper One - **Dynamic Landscapes and Physical Systems and Sustainability**: 2 hours and 15 minutes.

Paper Two - **Dynamic Places and Human Systems and Geopolitics**: 2 hours and 15 minutes.

Paper Three - **Synoptic investigation of a contemporary geographical issue**: 2 hours and 15 minutes.

Paper four - **Non-Examined Assessment (NEA): coursework**.

This component is a 3-4,000 word independent investigation based on a topic of your choice

Where Next?

Geography is a wide-ranging subject which can be used to follow degrees in Human Geography, Physical Geography, Geology, Town Planning, Environmental Science and Leisure & Tourism. It can lead to careers involving the management of people, the environment and resources and in the fields of public administration, teaching, planning, tourism, transport and environmental organisations.