



KS5 GEOGRAPHY LEARNING JOURNEY

Edexcel A-Level · Year 12 & Year 13 · Exploring places, understanding people and the environment



Year 12 exam weeks: End of Autumn Term & End of Spring Term

Year 13: NEA Coursework due Spring Term · A-Level exams begin Summer Term

Weekly knowledge retrieval quizzes throughout

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TOPICS

YEAR 12

AUTUMN TERM Term 1

TEACHER 1 · 3 LESSONS/WEEK

Paper 1 – Area of Study 1

Topic 1: Tectonic Processes and Hazards

TEACHER 2 · 2 LESSONS/WEEK

Paper 2 – Area of Study 2

Topic 3: Globalisation

ASSESSMENT – EXAM WEEK (END OF AUTUMN)

Globalisation: factors accelerating globalisation (Technology, IGOs, Trade Blocs, Governments) · Tectonics: hazard risk equation, volcanic & seismic events, secondary hazards

Assessment

Weekly knowledge retrieval quizzes · Two formal exam weeks · Progression exams (Summer) covering all A-Level question styles

SPRING TERM Term 2

TEACHER 1 · 3 LESSONS/WEEK

Paper 2 – Area of Study 2

Topic 4A: Regenerating Places

TEACHER 2 · 2 LESSONS/WEEK

Paper 1 – Area of Study 1

Topic 2B: Coastal Landscapes and Change

ASSESSMENT – EXAM WEEK (END OF SPRING)

Skills: Spearman's Rank · Tectonics: impacts & vulnerability · Coasts: recession, erosional processes, landforms, mass movement · Globalisation: impacts & reducing impacts · Regeneration: how places change

Skills & AOs

A01: Knowledge & understanding · A02: Apply, interpret, analyse & evaluate · A03: Quantitative, qualitative & fieldwork skills · Spearman's Rank

SUMMER TERM Term 3

TEACHER 1 · 3 LESSONS/WEEK

Revision + NEA Preparation

Revision of Topics 1 & 4A · NEA Coursework preparation

TEACHER 2 · 2 LESSONS/WEEK

Paper 2 – Area of Study 4

Topic 7: Superpowers

ASSESSMENT

Exam practice based on EQ3 & EQ4 (Coasts and Regeneration) · Progression Exams – all content and A-Level question styles assessed (end of year)

Enrichment

Royal Geographical Society events · Weekly geography in the news · Residential to Swanage (May) · Field trip to Dulwich and Peckham

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TOPICS

YEAR 13

AUTUMN TERM Term 1

TEACHER 1 · 2 LESSONS/WEEK

Paper 1 – Area of Study 3

Topic 5: The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity

TEACHER 2 · 2 LESSONS/WEEK

Paper 2 – Area of Study 4

Topic 7: Superpowers (continued)

TEACHER 3 · 1 LESSON/WEEK

NEA – Non-assessed Examination (Coursework)

ASSESSMENT – EXAM WEEK (END OF AUTUMN)

Tectonics: vulnerability & resilience · Coasts: sustainable management · Water: drainage basins & water budgets · Globalisation: global shift · Regeneration: changing perceptions, successful regeneration · Superpowers: characteristics & emerging superpowers

Assessment

Weekly knowledge retrieval quizzes · Two formal exam weeks · NEA coursework due Spring · 3 A-Level written papers (Summer)

SPRING TERM Term 2

TEACHER 1 · 2 LESSONS/WEEK

Paper 1 – Area of Study 3

Topic 6: The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security

TEACHER 2 · 2 LESSONS/WEEK

Paper 2 – Area of Study 4

Topic 8B: Migration, Identity and Sovereignty

TEACHER 3 · 1 LESSON/WEEK · PAPER 3 – SYNOPTIC INVESTIGATION

ASSESSMENT – EXAM WEEK (END OF SPRING) + NEA DUE

Water Cycle: ocean currents & human influence on hydrological cycle · Carbon Cycle: sequestration & role of oceans · Superpowers & Migration: rising middle-class consumption · Migration: nation states, borders, international migration policies, economic theory

Skills & AOs

A01: Knowledge & understanding · A02: Apply, interpret, analyse & evaluate · A03: Quantitative, qualitative & fieldwork skills · Paper 3 synoptic thinking

SUMMER TERM Term 3

A-Level Examinations

Full Revision – All Topics

PAPERS

Paper 1: Tectonic Hazards · Coastal Landscapes · Water Cycle & Water Insecurity · Carbon Cycle & Energy Security

PAPERS CONT.

Paper 2: Globalisation · Regenerating Places · Superpowers · Migration, Identity & Sovereignty

PAPER 3

Synoptic Investigation – draws across all topics

Enrichment

Royal Geographical Society events · Weekly geography in the news · Independent reading (see lists below)

- **A01** Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of places, environments, concepts, processes, interactions and change
- **A02** Apply knowledge and understanding to interpret, analyse and evaluate geographical information and issues
- **A03** Use a variety of relevant quantitative, qualitative and fieldwork skills to investigate, analyse and communicate findings

- Prisoners of Geography – Tim Marshall
- Factfulness – Hans Rosling
- The World is Flat – Thomas Friedman
- Dead Aid – Dambisa Moyo
- The Almighty Dollar – Dharshini David
- 50 Things That Made the Modern Economy – Tim Harford
- Inequality and the 1% – Danny Dorling
- Population 9 Billion – Danny Dorling

- Plate Tectonics – Iain Stewart
- Gaia: A New Look at Life on Earth – James Lovelock
- Coastal Systems – Simon Haslett
- The Holocene: An Environmental History – Neil Roberts
- Living Earth: Geology of Iceland – Ari Trausti Guðmundsson
- Eruptions That Shook the World – Clive Oppenheimer
- Let There Be Water – Seth M. Siegel