

Shoeburyness High School

Sixth Form Subject Information

Geography

A Level



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Subject Information

Our exam board is **Edexcel**.

There are **three** exams at the end of the two year course:

- Physical Geography
- Human Geography
- Synoptic

+ a Non-Examined Assessment (NEA)



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Physical Geography Topics (Paper 1)

At Shoeburyness High School we study the following '**Physical**' topics at A level:

- Tectonics (Year 12)
- Coastal Landscapes and Change (Year 12)
- The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity (Year 13)
- The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security (Year 13)



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Human Geography Topics (Paper 2)

At Shoeburyness High School we study the following '**Human**' topics at A level:

- Globalisation (Year 12)
- Regenerating Places (Year 12)
- Superpowers (Year 13)
- Migration, Identity and Sovereignty (Year 13)



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Synoptic (Paper 3) + NEA (Paper 4)

Being ***synoptic*** means seeing 'the big picture'. There are three key synoptic themes throughout the A level geography course that students will be questioned on in their third exam paper.

These themes are:

- Players
- Attitudes and Actions
- Futures and Uncertainties

Students also undertake an independent investigation, the '***Non-Examined Assessment (NEA)***' and write up for a geographical study of their choice. This is the only teacher assessed element of the course.



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Entry requirements

Subject entry requirements: GCSE Geography at Grade 5 and above

Pathway 2 entry requirements: 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 and above



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Career Progression

Possible careers after A Level Geography include:

- Geography teacher
- Environmental Scientist
- Conservationist
- Researcher
- Geomorphologist
- Communications and Management Engineer
- Data and Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Analyst
- Sustainability Consultant
- Surveyor



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University Progression

Some of our students have recently gone on to study the following at universities:

- Ecology, Conservation and Environment (University of Sussex)
- Environmental Sciences (University of Greenwich)
- Geography and International Development (University of East Anglia)
- Geography (University of the West of England, Bristol)
- Media and Communication (University of Winchester)
- Medical Sciences (University of Exeter)



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