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ADVANCED LEVEL GEOGRAPHY AT QECC

What's the course about?

This is an exciting new course examined by Edexcel, which focuses on global geographical issues around the environment, development, pollution, hazards and the economy. It is relevant and topical. It will provide you with a wide range of transferable skills that employers are increasingly demanding. If you are interested in the world you live in and your place in it, then this is the course for you.

Geography can be taken as a one year AS course or a full A Level over 2 years. It will make a great contribution to your key skills with data handling, numeracy, IT applications including extensive use of the Internet and report writing important elements of the course.

There will be a one-week residential fieldcourse during Year 12 to prepare for the paper in Unit 2. In addition, there will be a number of one day field excursions in Devon and beyond during the course.

YEAR 12 AS COURSE IN GEOGRAPHY

Unit 1: The World at Risk and Going Global

Natural hazards, global warming and climate change, international migration, economic globalisation and trans-national corporations, world cities.

1 hour 30 minute exam paper in May of Yr 12.

Unit 2: Crowded Coasts and Re-branding Places

Coastal management issues and strategies to regenerate urban and rural spaces, e.g. the London 2012 Olympics; The Eden Project, Cornwall etc.

1 hour exam paper in May of Yr 12.

YEAR 13 A2 COURSE IN GEOGRAPHY

Unit 3: Contested Planet

Energy issues, water conflicts, biodiversity, superpower geographies, the development gap, the technological fix.

2 hour 30 minute exam paper in June of Yr 13.

Unit 4: Geographical Research

Pollution and human health at risk.

1 hour 30 minute exam paper in January of Yr 13.

So you study two modules for the AS course in Year 12 and two more modules for the full A Level course in Year 13.

As the course is modular you have the opportunity to resit any of the module exams in January or June of Year 12 and 13.

The Year 12 AS course is of intermediate difficulty between a GCSE and full A Level in Geography. The AS exam papers in Year 12 are data response questions where you answer in spaces on the exam paper like in GCSE. The A2 exam papers in Year 13 require longer, more involved answers and personal research.

Skills developed

- Collection and analysis of primary and secondary data
- Problem solving and decision making skills
- ICT database, mapping and internet research skills
- Developing arguments and conclusions
- Recognising views and opinions and being able to identify bias
- Independent researching and constructing reports

Why should you take this subject?

- It will provide knowledge and skills needed for life, whatever you decide to do after school
- It is a very popular and successful course with very favourable student evaluations
- It provides you with a wide range of transferable skills
- Many students have continued to study the subject at university, where it can be taken as an Art or Science
- Most of all, the course is stimulating and relevant to the modern world.

