

# A2 Geography - Course Overview

<b>A2 1 Human Geography and Global Issues</b>	<b>A2 2 Physical Geography and Decision Making</b>
<p><b>Section A – Human Geography</b></p> <p>We will study two of the following three optional units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option A – Natural Population Change</li> <li>• Option B – Planning for sustainable settlements</li> <li>• Option C – Issues in Ethnic Diversity</li> </ul>	<p><b>Section A – Physical Geography</b></p> <p>We will study two of the following three optional units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option A – Fluvial and Coastal Environments</li> <li>• Option B – The Nature and Sustainability of Tropical Ecosystems</li> <li>• Option C – The Dynamic Earth</li> </ul>
<p><b>Section B – Global Issues</b></p> <p>We will study one of the following issues and conduct some fieldwork to collect some primary data related to our issue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Pollution</li> <li>• Nuclear Energy</li> <li>• Agricultural change and its impact</li> <li>• Issues in Tourism</li> </ul>	<p><b>Section B – Decision Making Exercise</b></p> <p>You will be presented with a variety of resource materials on a controversial geographical issue. You will be required to analyse and evaluate both sides of the argument before making and justifying a choice between the two options.</p>
<p><b>Exam Paper A2 1</b></p> <p>This is a 90 minute exam consisting of two sections, corresponding to the two outlined above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section A is worth 60 marks and has three subsections corresponding to the three options in Human Geography, each in turn having two questions. You should choose one question from both of the options we have studied (i.e. Population and Ethnic Diversity). The questions will be a mix of recall, data response and case study, including at least one question requiring answers in extended prose.</li> <li>• Section B is worth 30 marks. It has four structured questions, one each for the Global Issues on the Spec. Again, at least one question will require answers written in extended prose.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Exam Paper A2 2</b></p> <p>This is a 150 minute examination of two sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section A is worth 60 marks and has three subsections corresponding to the three options in Physical Geography, each in turn having two questions. You should choose one question from both of the options we have studied (i.e. River/Coasts and the Dynamic Earth). The questions will be a mix of recall, data response and case study, including at least one question requiring answers in extended prose.</li> <li>• Section C is the Decision Making Exercise and is worth 50 marks.</li> </ul>