



# GEOGRAPHY

**Subject Leader:** Mrs L Kirkham

**Examination Board:** WJEC

**Desirable GCSE's:** B and above in English, Maths and Geography

## Course Outline

**Year 12 AS:** Unit 1: Changing Landscapes, Unit 2: Changing Places

**Year 13 A2:** Unit 3: Global Systems & Governance, Unit 4: Contemporary Themes, Unit 5: Fieldwork Enquiry

## Entry Requirements

A minimum of B grade at GCSE is required, but interested, high ability students who have not followed the GCSE course have been accepted, and have been successful. Students should be independent learners who can research topics themselves using a variety of sources. They should also be prepared to fully participate in fieldwork outside the school environment. The course is ideal for students interested in the world around them and in the important issues affecting the world today, such as climate change and sustainability.

## What will I Study?

**Five draft units:**

### **AS Unit 1: Changing Landscapes (24%)**

Section A: Coastal Landscapes  
Change Section B: Tectonic Hazards

### **AS Unit 2: Changing Places (16%)**

Section A: Economic and Social  
Section B: Fieldwork Investigation

### **A2 Unit 3: Global Systems & Governance (24%)    A2 Unit 4: Contemporary Themes (16%)**

Section A: Water and Carbon Cycles  
Section B: Global Changes and Governance  
Section B2: Development in an African context

Section A: Advanced Tectonics  
Section B1: Ecosystems

### **A2 Unit 5: Fieldwork Enquiry (20%)**

An investigation based on a question or issue from the topics covered in the specification.

## **AS level – Year 12**

Unit		Exam	Time	Marks (UMS)	Overall
1	Changing Landscapes	May	2 hrs	96	24%
2	Changing Places	May	1 ½ hrs	64	16%

## **A2 level – Year 13**

Unit		Exam	Time	Marks (UMS)	Overall
3	Global Systems & Governance	June	2 hours	96	24%
4	Contemporary Themes	June	2 hours	64	16%
5	Fieldwork Enquiry	Non - Exam	n/a	80	20%

## Career Opportunities and Progression

Geography helps us to make sense of the world. Geography is contemporary and topical. It extends from the local area to the furthest parts of the world. If you are interested in people, society and the environment, you will enjoy Geography. Today we face exciting challenges as we need to create a sustainable future for everyone - there has never been a better time to study Geography. Geography bridges the gap between Arts and Sciences and so can be taken with most other options.

Many Bassaleg geographers go on to study Geography at degree level at leading universities including Oxford, Exeter, Southampton and Swansea. Geography graduates are some of the most employable graduates thanks to the wide range of transferable skills that they learn. Geography leads into a wide range of professions including travel, human rights, hazard management, housing, planning, environmental law, teaching, transport, logistics, remote sensing, environmental consultancy and leisure.