

Geography at Barnsley College

Specification – The specification followed is Edexcel A Level Geography (2016). The full specification, sample examination materials and rationale for the new course are all available on the website. Please spend some time reading around the course before commencing college. Please save the URL as a favourite so you have instant access to core materials throughout the course.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/demo/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/geography-2016.html>

Books – The course relies upon use of the endorsed Edexcel textbooks which support the specification. To ensure you have the essential textbook for year 1, please purchase the following book:

Frost, L eds (2016) Edexcel AS/A Level Geography- Book 1. Pearson: London. ISBN: 978 1 292 13960 9

For year 2, it will be necessary to purchase the following book:

Frost, L eds (2016) Edexcel AS/A Level Geography- Book 2. Pearson: London. ISBN: 9781 292 13965 4

There is no need to purchase the second year book at this stage but if you wish to purchase them together, the details are here.

There is also a very useful revision guide, again approved for the course, which you may elect to buy and the details are as follows:

Witherick, M and Cowling, D. (2017) Edexcel AS/A-level Geography – my revision notes. Hodder Education: London. ISBN: 978 1 4718 8674 4

Other resources - The course also has a significant numerical component so it would be an advantage to have a scientific calculator, which can be used in exams. Coloured highlighters should be brought to lessons and you must have a file for Geography which will be checked regularly.

Fieldwork - To pass the course, students must complete 4 days compulsory fieldwork. 3 of these days will be completed on a residential fieldtrip and will cost in the region of £200. Details will be supplied in due course, but please be aware of this cost implication of the course.

Initial reading and work– Our first topic will be tectonics, which is a popular GCSE unit and provides a good transition between GCSE Geography and A Level. You have been provided with a booklet which summarises the first enquiry question. Please read, highlight and complete the 'now test yourself' questions 1-5 ready for the first week teaching. Complete these on separate lined paper with your name on.