



# IGCSE Geography (Edexcel)

## One year Intensive Course 2026

Geography is the study of the Earth. This involves studying the physical processes that shape the surface of the planet and also studying the development and mechanics of human societies and the ways they depend on and interact with Earth systems.

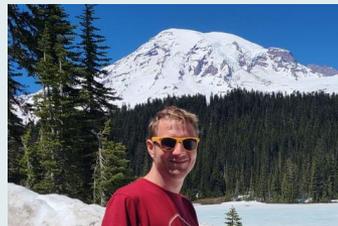
The Edexcel syllabus helps students on that journey by focusing on five aspects of geography, developing the skills necessary to research, explain and analyse how geographical processes work and draw the conclusions from our own investigations.

# Key course information

<b>Course Length:</b>	12 month course (46 lessons)
<b>Lesson length:</b>	1 hr 30 mins (including 5 minute break)
<b>Lesson time:</b>	Monday 12pm-1.30pm
<b>Start date:</b>	Monday June 15 <sup>th</sup> 2026
<b>Finish date:</b>	Monday May 31 <sup>st</sup> 2027
<b>Course price:</b>	£30/month for 12 months OR £360 for full course
<b>Class size:</b>	Maximum 16 students
<b>Exam board:</b>	Edexcel
<b>Course code:</b>	<b>4GE1</b>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Written assessment: Paper 1 (Physical Geography) : 1hr 10mins Paper 2 (Human Geography) : 1hr 45 mins

# Tutor and teaching style

- I'm Damian and I teach all the classes at Earthlings Learning.
- I began my career in education teaching English as a foreign language, where I taught for ten years in Europe and Asia to all ages and abilities.
- I completed a Masters degree in Environmental Management in 2018 (Distinction) and started Earthlings in 2021 to help provide the early career environmental learning I wish I'd had earlier in life.
- Classes are hosted with an informed but informal enthusiastic style, endeavouring to make content as simple and engaging as possible.
- I'm an amateur ecologist, general nature nerd and interested in a wide range of weird and wacky aspects of our planet and its people.
- Students are encouraged to bring any relevant experiences of their own to the classroom. Tangents may occur and are encouraged.
- I enjoy participating in community environmental projects in whatever spare time teaching and my own miniature human allows!



# General Course Information

- This course is a complete programme to sit the Edexcel Geography IGCSE. It is also suitable for those just wanting to learn more about the Earth and human systems.
- While homework is not mandatory it is really important for consolidating knowledge and helping me assess progress. Failure to complete homework may result in a lower grade.
- Participation is optional. Students may engage as little or as much as they are comfortable with. Engagement with groupworking tasks is excellent practice, and engagement from students helps me with the class dynamic but is at all times optional.
- Special Education Needs are more than welcome. We're all different and have different learning styles. Having gone through mainstream education as a “neurospicy learner” and struggled, I endeavour to be as engaging as possible, using as many different mediums to engage with students as I can (pictures, speaking, writing, physical movement)
- **CONTENT WARNING** - As a GCSE this course is designed for students aged 14 and over. Younger students are welcome but should be aware of some mature content. These topics are approached in a lighthearted and impartial manner but sensitive students should be prepared to examine some of these issues:
  - 1) Natural disasters involves death and disruption to human communities and wildlife.
  - 2) Climate change and biodiversity loss can cause some anxiety in conscientious students.
  - 3) Human rights issues and exploitation occur in both economics and urban environments.
  - 4) Food and water shortages, migration and mortality due to disease occur in several units.

# Units of study

Please note that there are multiple options for study in the IGCSE Geography exam. In line with other geography tutors we do not study all these possible options, but focus on those we intend to take during exam to maximise our understanding of these issues.

## Physical geography

### **Unit 1: River Environments**

The water cycle. Physical processes determining the flow and characteristics of river basins. Formation of river landforms. Human use of and dependence on water resources

### **Unit 3: Hazardous Environments**

The formation, distribution and management of three natural hazards: earthquakes, volcanoes and tropical storms. Disaster preparation and management.

## Human geography & global issues

### **Unit 4: Economic activity and energy**

Theories about employment and economic development. Energy generation and the management of energy resources

### **Unit 6: Urban Environments**

The development of urban environments and the challenges and opportunities these provide. Factors determining land-use in urban areas and the rise of 'megacities'.

### **Unit 7: Fragile Environments**

Human influences on Earth systems and how they are impacted by these changes. We focus on the drivers, impacts and management of: climate change, deforestation and desertification.

# Geographical skills

- This course involves the development of research and analytical skills to investigate physical and human environments, conducting investigations to develop and test hypotheses.
- This involves
  - 1) Interpreting and drawing graphs and figures.
  - 2) Using and interpreting maps and photographic evidence.
  - 3) Analysing and evaluating data sources.
  - 4) Designing and implementing primary and secondary research.
  - 5) Making evidence-based conclusions.
- Previous writing and basic mathematical experience is an advantage in this course.
- Geographical skills will be taught but students should be aware that there are some mathematical and analytical skills involved that may prove challenging.

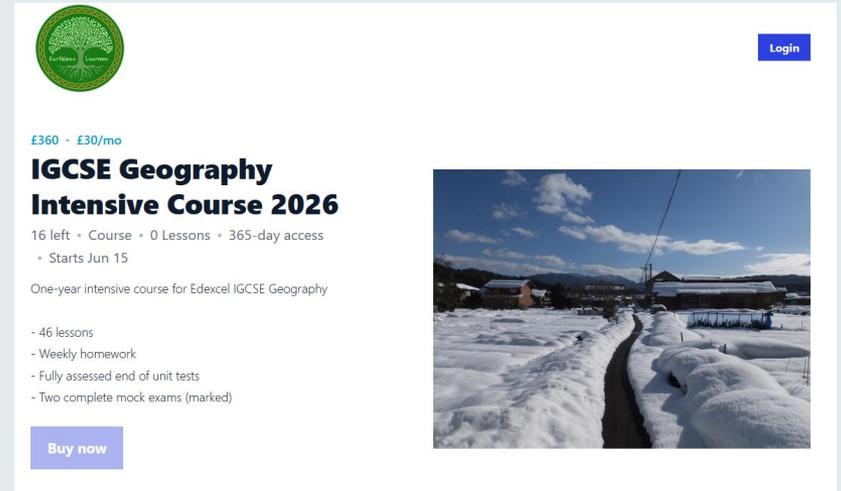


# Fieldwork

- Fieldwork skills and practice are part of the assessment of this syllabus .
- This involves practical fieldwork in River and Urban Environments and is reflected in one section in each of the two exam papers.
- Fieldwork involves experimental methodology, sampling techniques, conducting risk assessments and drawing conclusions from evidence.
- Rivers fieldwork involves techniques like measuring depth and flow. With urban environments this involves desk research and on-site surveys.
- There will be an organised fieldtrip to facilitate this in the UK to give students a chance to meet up and do this in person but given the widespread nature of our students attending this won't always be possible.
- We'll therefore also be looking at the fieldwork theoretically to allow this to be done independently in your local area, wherever you are in the world!

# Recording and payment hosting

- To streamline payments for both parents and myself, the course content will be hosted on the online platform Podia.
- Using the secure payment portal, payments can be made in full or paid monthly.
- Recordings and homework can be accessed on this platform and will be available for 12 months following the end of the course

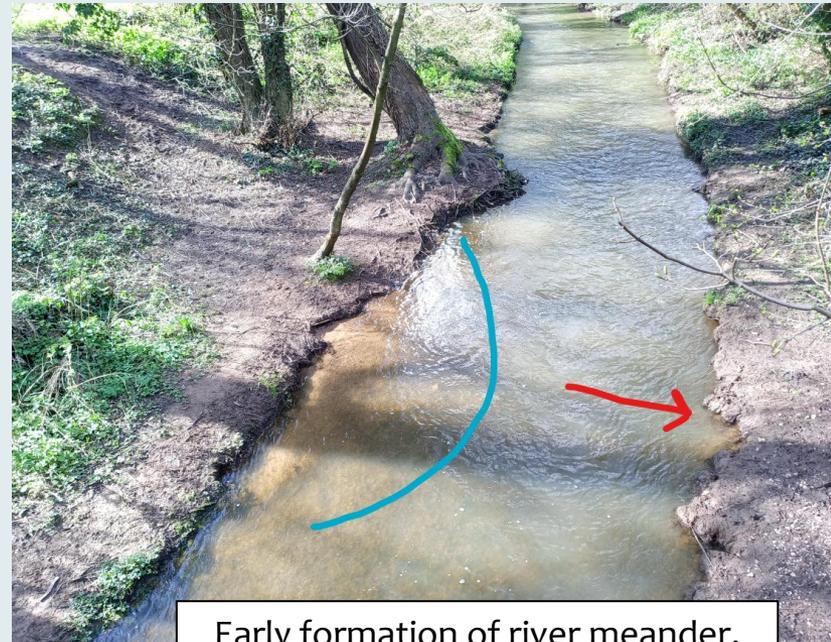


The screenshot shows a course listing on the Podia platform. At the top left is a green circular logo with a tree. In the top right corner, there is a blue 'Login' button. The course title is 'IGCSE Geography Intensive Course 2026' in bold black text. Below the title, it says '£360 · £30/mo' in blue. Further down, it lists '16 left · Course · 0 Lessons · 365-day access' and 'Starts Jun 15'. A description follows: 'One-year intensive course for Edexcel IGCSE Geography'. A list of features includes: '- 46 lessons', '- Weekly homework', '- Fully assessed end of unit tests', and '- Two complete mock exams (marked)'. At the bottom left of the course details is a blue 'Buy now' button. On the right side of the page is a photograph of a snowy landscape with a path leading through fields towards buildings under a blue sky.

**Link:** <https://earthlingslearning.podia.com/igcse-geography-intensive-course-2026>

# Homework and assessment

- This course combines guided self-assessment and teacher-graded homework to maximise opportunities for content retention, assessment of progress and to teach self-study skills.
- Weekly homework provided.
- Students will be taught how to self-assess weekly homework, with exam-style mark schemes provided with each task.
- Tasks do vary however, and will include research and experiments that are less formally assessed.
- Each unit concludes with a formal test, completed as homework, which is fully graded by me, with detailed feedback.
- Fully graded mock exams for both Papers 1 and 2 at end of course will be conducted in exam conditions in class, then formally graded.



Early formation of river meander, showing deposition and erosion.  
(Derby, UK)

# Holidays and scheduling

- The course starts on Monday June 15<sup>th</sup> to allow for students sitting other exams.
- As an intensive course, lessons run as normal during school half terms.
- Holidays and break are however essential so the course includes the following breaks:

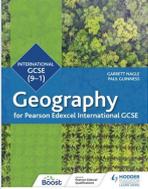
- **Summer break:** No class 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> August
- **Winter break:** No class 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> December
- **Spring:** No class 29<sup>th</sup> March

- Course fees remain the same each month as course cost is calculated over the full year,



Erosion due to deforestation,  
Bardonecchia, Italia

# Further information

<b>Required skills:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No prior skills or prior learning required. Knowledge of and interest in the world around us and human systems is a massive advantage, but can be encouraged.</li><li>• Good literacy skills as well as some basic scientific and mathematical abilities are helpful but not essential. Experience using graphs and writing essays is extremely helpful but will be taught during the course.</li></ul>
<b>Required equipment:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Access to a camera and mic, even if they choose not to use them<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Printer to print off homework and exam papers.</li></ul></li><li>• Some way of submitting homework (phone camera/scanner) Full guidance on formatting and submitting homework can be found in the “Homework guidance” doc.</li><li>• No further equipment is required although calculators should be used in the final exam.</li></ul>
<b>Required textbook:</b>	<p><b>Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Geography (ISBN: 9781398374607)</b></p> 
<b>Additional study:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attending lessons and completing homework is sufficient to pass the course however approximately one hour's additional study per week is advised.</li><li>• Additional study, including reading, watching documentaries and note-taking is extremely important for retaining knowledge and attaining higher grades.</li><li>• Any opportunity to visit natural and human environments can be invaluable in connecting learning to real-world processes and features.</li><li>• Using GIS (Geographic Information Systems) like Google maps/Earth is an extremely effective way to practice geographical skills and investigate environments from home.</li></ul>
<b>How parents can help:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please be ready to encourage your child to keep ordered notes and files.</li><li>• Encouraging students to explain processes and theories to you can be helpful.</li><li>• Geography is the study of the earth so taking your child on short fieldtrips to any natural or human environment can be really effective</li></ul>