## **Outline of the Higher Geography Course:**

There are two parts to the course assessment – both are sent away to be marked by SQA:

## 1. The Higher Assignment

This is marked out of 30 (and contributes 27% of the total marks). It is a report written up in 1 hour and 30 minutes under exam conditions – normally based on fieldwork data that has been gathered on a fieldtrip in (to either Culzean Castle or Glasgow). The write-up will happen in **February 2020**.

## 2. The Higher Examination

The Higher exam is divided into Paper 1 and Paper 2 (with a 30-minute break between them), and together they contribute the remaining 73% of the total marks available for Higher Geography):

Paper 1	
= 1 hour and 50 minutes and out	
of 100 marks	
Coasts	Rural Conflict
	and solutions
Hydrosphere	Rural Land
	Degradation
Biosphere	Population and
	Migration
Glaciation	Urban Issues in
	'Developed'
	world
Atmosphere	Urban Issues in
	'Developing'
	world.

Paper 2		
= 1 hour and 10 minutes and		
out of 60 marks		
Development	OS Map	
& Health	Interpretation	
Global		
Climate		
Change		

This year the Higher Geography exams will be on **Tuesday 28**th **April 2020**.

(It's worth noting that in both paper 1 and paper 2, pupils need to write enough to pick up a mark every 1.1 minutes in order to get full marks. They don't have time to waste!).

Pupils passing the Higher assessment will be awarded a certificate depending on their performance: Grade A (70%+), B (60-69%), C (50-59%) or D (40-49%).