



GCSE GEOGRAPHY



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Methods of Assessment:

The GCSE Geography Course at Cardinal Newman follows the **AQA Specification**. This qualification is **linear** which means that students will sit **three exams** at the **end of the course** in the May/June of their final year. Details of the exam timings and course weighting is as follows:

- **PAPER 1: Living with the physical environment (1hr 30mins) (35%)**
- **PAPER 2: Challenges in the human environment (1hr 30mins) (35%)**
- **PAPER 3: Geographical applications (1hr 30mins) (30%)**

Course Outline:

The AQA course allows students to **study the world from their classroom** with opportunities to explore case studies from a variety of locations across the globe. Details of the topics covered for each unit are as follows:

UNIT	TOPICS
UNIT 1: Living with the physical environment	Section A: The Challenge of Natural Hazards Topics: Tectonics; Weather; Climate Change Section B: The Living World Topics: Ecosystems; Tropical rainforests; Cold Environments Section C: UK Physical Landscapes Topics: Coastal landscapes; Fluvial (River) landscapes
UNIT 2: Challenges in the human environment	Section A: Urban Issues & Challenges Topics: Urban change across the world; Urban change in the UK; Urban sustainability Section B: The Changing Economic World Topics: Economic development; The changing UK economy; Nigeria, a Newly Emerging Economy Section C: The Challenge of Resource Management Topics: Resource Management in the UK; Water
UNIT 3: Geographical applications	Section A: Issue Evaluation Students use critical thinking & problem solving to examine a geographical issue based on secondary sources provided by the exam board 12-weeks prior to the exam. Section B: Fieldwork Students complete a human & physical geographical enquiry where they collect primary data as part of a fieldwork exercise. At CNS, we visit Sheringham in Norfolk.

Progression routes

Upon completion of this two-year course, students will have the skills and experience to progress onto A-Level and beyond. Geography A level is a facilitator A level for university applications. Careers linked to the study of geography include roles in climatology; geology; meteorology; fluviology; environmental management & sustainability; urban planning; disaster management; aviation; leisure & tourism; the diplomatic or civil service; journalism; law; politics; demographics; civil engineering and the armed forces.

How you will learn

Students will learn through discussion; questioning; critical thinking; extended writing; data interpretation; data manipulation; map and fieldwork skills.



'The Lord Good took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and to keep it.'

Genesis, 2:15