



GCSE GEOGRAPHY



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Methods of Assessment:	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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:	<p>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:</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>UNIT</th><th>TOPICS</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>UNIT 1: Living with the physical environment</td><td>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</td></tr><tr><td>UNIT 2: Challenges in the human environment</td><td>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</td></tr><tr><td>UNIT 3: Geographical applications</td><td>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.</td></tr></tbody></table>	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.
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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