



GEOGRAPHY A LEVEL

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KEY stage 5 - At Cardinal Newman, you will follow the AQA Geography exam boards A level specification. There is a balance of both human and physical geography across the course including a wide range of geographical skills. Some of the subjects may be familiar to you from GCSE geography but, others will be new (see course content table below).

A Level Geography course content table		
Exam Paper	Content	Examination
Paper 1: Physical Geography	Section A: <u>Water & carbon cycles</u> Section B: <u>Coastal systems & landscapes.</u> Section C: <u>Hazards</u>	2 ¹ / ₂ hour written exam 120 marks 40% of A level
Paper 2: Human Geography	Section A: <u>Global systems & global governance</u> Section B: <u>Changing places</u> Section C: <u>Population & the environment.</u>	2 ¹ / ₂ hour written exam 120 marks 40% of A level
Paper 3: Geography fieldwork investigation	Students complete an individual investigation which must include data collected in the field (Covid-19 restrictions allowing). The individual investigation must be based on a question or issue defined and developed by the student relating to any part of the course specification.	3000-4000 words 60 marks 20% of A level Marked by teachers Moderated by AQA examiners

Entry onto A Level Geography

If you have done GCSE Geography then you need to have achieved a grade 5 or above and also gained a level 5 in English and Mathematics. If you have not done Geography at GCSE then it is recommended that you have a grade 5 in English and an APS of 40 or above. However, it is possible to consider individual cases on their merits.

The course offers you a way of looking at the world around us and bridges the gap between the humanities and the sciences. It helps develop a more holistic view of our environments and the processes that occur within them. With the wide range of skills learnt, students are able to analyse and appreciate the complexity of a range of contemporary issues.

What can I do with A level Geography?

An A Level in Geography helps you develop the ability to combine **scientific principles** and knowledge with economic awareness, environmental concern and an appreciation of people's attitudes and values. This means A Level Geography can lead into a variety of further education options. Or alternatively a varied range of career paths.

So, the choice is yours. **Further education BSc or BA or Employment**

Geography is seen as a facilitator subject and is highly regarded by all universities and employers alike. They recognize that geography provides students with a well-rounded, skills set which can be applied to a wide range of courses or jobs.

The reason geography students are also amongst the most employable is because they have the Geographical skills that employers are looking for which include:

- **Applied technology skills**
- **Global awareness**
- **Cultural agility**
- **Critical analysis**
- **Independent working skills**
- **Collaborative working skills**
- **Independent and/or academic research**

