



A Level - Geography

Why study Geography?

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.

Entry onto A-Level Geography

If you have done GCSE Geography then, you need to have achieved a grade 5 or above and 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.

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>	2½ 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>	2½ 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 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



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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 Employment

Geography is seen as a facilitator subject and is highly regarded by all universities and employers alike. They recognise 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

