



The Cardinal Wiseman Sixth Form
A Level course 2017-19

Geography

“The natural world is the greatest source of excitement: the greatest source of visual beauty: the greatest source of intellectual interest.” Sir David Attenborough

Entry Requirements:

6 A* - C GCSE passes including a grade 4 in English Language and a B in GCSE Geography.

The new specifications will excite our students’ minds, challenge perceptions and stimulate their investigative and analytical skills. New units have been added to reflect the world today. All of this will help to provide you with the knowledge, skills and enthusiasm sought by higher education and employers.

At A Level:

Paper 1: 2hrs 15 minutes 30% of A Level

Tectonic Processes and Hazards

Landscape Systems, Processes and Change – Coastal Landscapes and Change

The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity

The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security

The examination may include short open, open response and resource-linked questions. The examination includes 12-mark and 20-mark extended writing questions.

Paper 1: 2hrs 15 minutes 30% of A Level

Globalisation

Shaping Places – Regenerating Places

Superpowers

Global Development and Connections

The examination may include short open, open response and resource-linked questions. The examination includes 12-mark and 20-mark extended writing questions.

Paper 3: 2hrs 20% of A Level

The synoptic investigation will be based on a geographical issue within a place-based context that links to the three synoptic themes and is rooted in two or more of the compulsory content areas from Paper 1 and 2.

The examination may include short open, open response and resource-linked questions. The examination includes 8-mark, 18-mark and 24-mark extended writing questions.

Coursework:: independent Investigation 20% of A Level

4 days fieldwork assessed by 3,000-4,000 word individual investigation

Careers

There has never been a better or more important time to study Geography, with growing interest in issues such as climate change, migration, environmental degradation and social cohesion. Geography is a Russell Group facilitating subject. This is a subject most likely to be required or preferred for entry to degree courses and choosing facilitating subjects will keep more options open to you at university. Geographers are also highly employable - careers including: Leisure and Recreation, Civil Engineering, Environmental Health, Town Planning, Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Civil Service and Engineering, Publishing, Armed Services, Marketing, Banking, Teaching, Accountancy, Law.