

Geography KS4 Learning Journey



What is the course about?

GCSE Geography at Cardinal Langley follows the AQA Specification which allows students to explore how people are involved in the ever-changing world. There is a strong focus on changes caused by natural forces and human processes and the ways in which they interact with each other.

Geography develops a knowledge and understanding of places and environments throughout the world, an understanding of maps, and a range of investigative and problem-solving skills both inside and outside of the classroom.

By studying Geography students also discover different societies and cultures, inspiring them to think about their own place in the world, their values and their rights and responsibilities to other people and the environment.



What will I do and how will I be assessed?

The course is assessed using exams only and the three exam elements will take place at the end of Year 11.

The three exams are:

Paper 1 - Living with the Physical Environment: The Challenge of Natural Hazards; Physical Landscapes of the UK; The Living World. This unit is worth 35% of the overall grade and is assessed with a 1 1/2 hour examination.

Paper 2 - Challenges in the Human Environment Urban Issues and Challenges; The Changing Economic World; The Challenge of Resource Management. This unit is worth 35% of the overall grade and is assessed with a 1 1/2 hour examination.

Paper 3 – Geographical Applications Issue Evaluation (Pre Released Materials); Fieldwork (Based on students own experience of fieldwork during the course). This unit is worth 30% of the overall grade and is assessed with a 1 hour examination.



What can I do afterwards?

Geography contributes significantly to the development of students as they prepare for adult life and employment.

Geography equips students with skills and attributes that are transferable to many other subject areas. Many students go on to study Geography at A Level then degree level at University but the subject benefits students selecting other subjects to study at A Level and university as well.

Students who enter employment will benefit strongly from a qualification in Geography, regardless of the nature of the work. This is because employers recognise the qualities that Geography qualifications provide for students.

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The Changing Economic World:

Economic Development;
The Development Gap;
Economic Development in Nigeria;
Economic Development in the UK.
Geographical Skills—
Numeracy and Statistics.

The Challenge of Natural Hazards:

Tectonics; Weather and Climate;
Climate Change; Geographical Skills -
Fieldwork inc data, enquiry & argument.

Yr11

Urban Issues and Challenges:

Urbanisation; Rio de Janeiro;
Manchester; Sustainable Urban
Living; Geographical Skills -
Fieldwork inc data, enquiry &
argument.

Physical Landscapes of the UK:

Coastal Landscapes;
River Landscapes;
Geographical Skills -
Ordnance Survey Maps.

The Challenge of Resource Management:

Food, water and energy linked to human
development;
Demand and revision of resources in the UK;
Global Demand for Water; Strategies to improve
access to water; Geographical Skills - Graphs.

Yr10

The Living World:

Ecosystems; Tropical
Rainforests; Hot Deserts.
Geographical Skills- Atlas
Maps