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| **What will we be learning?**AQA A-Level NEA – Non Examined Assessment | **Why this? Why now?**The NEA requires students to have an understanding of the level of detail and depth of subject matter required to achieve highly at A Level, as such it cannot be studied at the start of Yr 12 but in fact requires students to have undertaken wider reading and study previously. The module therefore is started at the end of Yr 12 and continued into Yr 13 when students can realistically collect data in favourable conditions and use the extended summer break to work independently on their assessment. The area of study is currently ‘coasts’ and thus it is vital this module is studied previously.  | **Key Words:**AnalyseConclusionContextEvaluationExamineIntroductionJustificationLiterature ReviewMethodologyRandom samplingSampling techniqueSpearman’s RankStratified samplingSystematic samplingTheoryVariety |
| **What will we learn?*** An independent investigation which is based on either human or physical aspects of the course or a combination of the both.
* The investigation must include the following:
	+ An introduction which includes a fully referenced research question, a literature review and relevant theoretical contexts
	+ A methodology which includes sampling techniques and justification of methods used
	+ Detailed and varied data representation to include GIS
	+ A critical analysis of data collected which links back to theory and the literature review and uses a method of statistical analysis
	+ An overall conclusion and evaluation of the investigation.
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| **What opportunities are there for wider study?**Post 18 education: * University courses often require a dissertation which is individually completed, the NEA is excellent preparation for this.

Careers:* Data analyst
* Computer Modeler
* Environment agency

Wider Reading:* Geography Review – Available in the library – often includes tips and hints on how to get the highest marks in your NEA
* Examples of NEA’s (including a 60/60 marked piece) on the AQA website
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| **How will I be assessed?**Students will complete the individual NEA and marks are awarded under the following headings:* Area 1 – Introduction and preliminary research – 10 marks (AO3 strand 1 – investigate geographical questions and issues)
* Area 2 – Methods of field investigation – 15marks (AO3 strand 2 – interpret, analyse and evaluate data and evidence)
* Area 3 – Methods of critical analysis – 20 marks (AO2 6 marks - Apply knowledge and understanding in different contexts to interpret, analyse and evaluate geographical information and issues, AO3 strand 2 14 marks - interpret, analyse and evaluate data and evidence)
* Area 4 – Conclusions, evaluations and presentations 15 marks (AO3 strand 2 5 marks interpret, analyse and evaluate data and evidence, AO3 strand 3 10 marks - construct arguments and draw conclusions)
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