KINGSWINFORD ACADEMY
ASPIRE TO EXCELLENCE

Year 11 Achieve Excellence - Parent Support Guide
GCSE Geography

Key Exam Information:

Exam Board: AQA

Assessment: *There are 3 papers for GCSE Geography, sat on different dates. The topics/lengths/weighting of the papers are below;*

PAPER 1 PHYSICAL (Natural Hazards, Living World, Physical Landscapes - Coasts and Rivers)
1hr 30 minutes. 35% of final grade
PAPER 2 HUMAN (Urban Issues, Changing Economic World, Resource Management)
1hr 30 minutes. 35% of final grade
PAPER 3 GEOGRAPHICAL SKILLS (Fieldwork and Issue Evaluation)
1 hr 30 minutes. 30% of final grade

Course Overview:

We are currently studying Changing Economic World.
During the Spring Term, students will undertake their human fieldwork (around the local area) and their physical fieldwork (Carding Mill Valley) which we will then follow up in class.
The Issue Evaluation (also known as the 'pre-release') will be released by AQA in March 2027 and will then be delivered in class and through homeworks.

YEAR 10	*Autumn*	Living World/Urban Issues
	Spring	Natural Hazards
	Summer	Changing Economic World
YEAR 11	*Autumn*	Changing Economic World/Physical Landscapes
	Spring	Resource Management/Fieldwork
	Summer	Issue Evaluation/Revision

Key content/ skills covered:

- Understanding of command words in exams e.g. evaluate/to what extent/explain/assess/describe
- Revision of case studies - facts and figures, specific details
- Describe and explain data e.g. graphs, maps, mathematical skills like mean/median/mode/range
- Writing PEEL paragraphs, making sure all points are developed with phrases like "this means that" or "this is because"

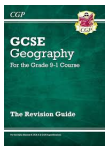
Support for these skills are covered in our Elevate Programme, which runs after school on a Thursday in HU6

Dates of key assessments and deadlines:
19/10/26 - 06/11/26 - Year 11 Mock Examination 1 (assessing Urban Issues, Living World, and Changing Economic World)
08/02/26 - 26/02/26 - Year 11 Mock Examinations 2 (assessing Physical Landscapes, Resource Management, and one other topic TBC after Mock 1)
March 2027 - Carding Mill Valley Field Trip - exact date TBC
April 2027 - Kingswinford local fieldwork data collection

An in-class assessment will be carried out for Paper 3 following field trips and the release of the 2026 Issue Evaluation.

Final GCSE Examinations (provisional dates at present):
18th May (AM) - Geography Paper 1
26th May (PM) - Geography Paper 2
10th June (PM) - Geography Paper 3

Links to past papers and revision guides:



These CGP revision guides are available through the school shop on Arbor - we would recommend purchasing one through there as they are cheaper than buying from elsewhere.

Links to revision sites/ resources:
GCSE Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc
Internet Geography internetgeography.net/aqa-gcse-geography/
Tutor2U Geography https://www.tutor2u.net/geography/reference

Tutor2U have created Youtube Playlists for every Paper 1 and 2 topic - with short revision videos on the key content. They also have longer exam-warm up videos which include quizzes.
Natural Hazards https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQp_82E2fTs&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUCy1AHKCYRPZZvgPOVusDNl
Living World https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4Pbt0a7E_I&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUCjgsbz5Q3l7FXSG0T5H4iX
Coasts and Rivers: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JC47DJU4gWE&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUBgfBWdCukHm_PC-dHhCyVF

Urban Issues https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lwllykzeKo&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUDBBnjL48bGFmCLrjRms-Je
Changing Economic World https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbQ4G0JD-D8&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUDK_5neX9pGgbtUFpU8xV_o
Resource Management https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-XH8hqMePQ&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUAQeMXA1nWwaWiPP_eQK9b-

Other useful resources for revision will be found on the students' Geography Google Classrooms

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