



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 2026 and will then be delivered in class and through homeworks.

YEAR 10	<i>Autumn</i>	Natural Hazards/Urban Issues
	<i>Spring</i>	Urban Issues/ Physical Landscapes
	<i>Summer</i>	Changing Economic World
YEAR 11	<i>Autumn</i>	Changing Economic World/Living World
	<i>Spring</i>	Resource Management/Fieldwork
	<i>Summer</i>	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 Achieve Excellence Programme, which runs after school on a Thursday in HU5 (Miss Murray) or DT3 (Mr Porter)

Dates of key assessments and deadlines:

03/11/25 - 13/11/25 - Year 11 Mock Examinations 1 (assessing Natural Hazards, Urban Issues, and Physical Landscapes)

23/02/26 - 27/02/26 - Year 11 Mock Examinations 2 (assessing Changing Economic World, Living World, and Resource Management)

04/03/26 - Carding Mill Valley Field Trip

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

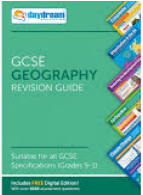
Final GCSE Examinations:

13th May (AM) - Geography Paper 1

3rd June (PM) - Geography Paper 2

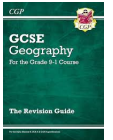
11th June (AM) - Geography Paper 3

Links to past papers and revision guides:



These revision guides are available through the school shop on Arbor for £2.49 - we would recommend purchasing one through there as they are cheaper than buying from elsewhere.

Other revision guides available elsewhere include the CGP revision guide.



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=PLp8BSCLLWBUCy1AHKCYRPZZvgPOVusDNI

Living World https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4Pbt0a7E_I&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUCjgsbz5Q3l7FXSG0T5H4iX

Coasts and Rivers: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JC47DJU4gWE&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUBqfBWdCukHm_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_5neX9pGqbtUFpU8xV_o

Resource Management https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-XH8hqMePQ&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUAQeMXA1nWwaWiPP_eQK9b-

Other useful resources for revision will be found on the GCSE Geography Revision Google Classroom - students can join this classroom with the code **bnoyz13c**.

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