



Supporting your child through their Geography GCSE

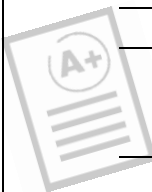
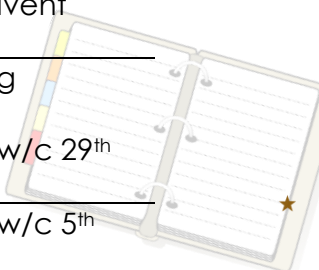


The Geography Exams

Paper	Topics	Length	Mark	%
1	Our Natural World	1h15m	/70	35%
2	People and Society	1h15m	/70	35%
3	Geographical Exploration	1h30m	/60	30%

Key dates for GCSE Geography

2017	November	Make a revision calendar
	December	Geography Advent Challenge
2018	January	Parents evening (Monday 8 th) Mocks week 1 w/c 29 th Jan
	February	Mocks week 2 w/c 5 th Feb
	March	A good time to step up the revision – full steam!!
	April	A Question a Day Challenge
	May	PAPER ONE EXAM (22 ND)
	June	PAPER TWO EXAM (5 TH) & PAPER THREE EXAM (11 TH)
	August	GCSE RESULTS (23 RD)



Examination Content

Paper One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Global Hazards ★ Changing Climate ★ Distinctive Landscapes ★ Sustaining Ecosystems ★ Physical geography fieldwork - Swanage
Paper Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Urban Futures ★ Dynamic Development ★ UK in the 21st Century ★ Resource Reliance ★ Human geography fieldwork - Southampton
Paper Three	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Geographical skills ★ Decision making exercise – this will be on any of the above topics.

Supporting with revision

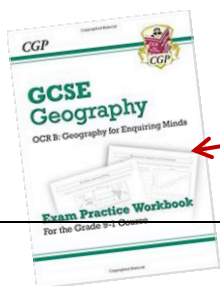
- ★ Your son/daughter has been provided with a Personalised Learning Checklist (PLC) for each of the three exams. Ask your son/daughter to record each aspect red, amber or green according to how much they feel they know and therefore need to revise. They can also use this to record what they have revised and take note of any topics they may wish to ask their teacher about.
- ★ Encourage your son/daughter to use the VLE. The course information and all revision materials can be found under Geography - *NEW GCSE Geography*. This will be updated regularly throughout the year so check regularly.
- ★ Ask your son/daughter if you can help them – we will send them home with regular homework including exam questions and key words to learn. Check your son/daughters knowledge with flashcards, quizzes, chat about different topics at dinner, ask them to tell you about a geography case study etc.
- ★ Lots of pupils struggle to revise key skills such as reading and interpreting OS maps. Encourage your son/daughter to visit the website below to practice these:
<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone>
- ★ BBC Bitesize has updated their website in light of the GCSE changes. Our exam board is OCR B – encourage your son/daughter to visit this to revise and take the quizzes that are available.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zkw76sg>



Revision Guides

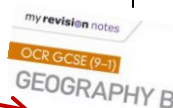
Revision guides are available from the school at the value of £7.50 (£8.99 from book stores).

There is also an exam practice workbook available from CGP. This is available from most book stores as well as online sites such as amazon. If your child does complete practice questions encourage them to bring these completed into school for their teacher to check and support.



Available from the school shop for £7.50

Available from most book stores for £4.99





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Key words

Not knowing the meaning of a word often means pupils don't answer a question and once reminded of the meaning then realise they have lost vital marks. Please test your son/daughter on the following key words to ensure they know what they mean. You can also ask pupils to tell you about these key words and to use them in a sentence to show they understand the meaning.

Abrasion – When sediment is thrown or rubbed against the base of the cliff as the wave breaks, the land is worn away by abrasion.

Hydraulic Action – An erosive process which involves the pressure of water hitting a surface, compressing air into cracks in the rocks, and resulting in the removal of sediment over time.

Solution - Seawater is slightly acidic and can slowly dissolve certain rock types such as limestone by solution.

Attrition - Over time, large sediment removed by the earlier processes is broken down into smaller, more rounder sediment through attrition as particles hit each other. These smaller particles may then form the ammunition for the next wave to hit the cliff.

Impermeable – a surface that doesn't allow water to pass through it.

Permeable – a surface that does allow water to pass through it.

Geology – rock types.

Geomorphic processes – processes that result in the change in the shape of the earth e.g. along a coastline.

Weathering – the breakdown of material in situ (without transporting it).

Concordant coastline - A concordant coastline has the same rock types along its length.

Discordant coastline - A discordant coastline has alternating bands of different types of rock.



Relevant questions to ask your son/daughter

Encourage your son/daughter to use phrases such as 'this means' and 'this is because' to ensure they are developing their points. If your son/daughter makes a point, ask them the question 'why?'

How does a discordant coastline change shape over time?

How is a wave-cut notch and wave-cut platform formed?

How do groynes stop longshore drift?

How is Swanage Bay protected from coastal erosion?

What are the four types of erosion and how do they work?

Equipment needed for the exam

- ★ Pen
- ★ Pencil
- ★ Ruler
- ★ Calculator
- ★ Rubber
- ★ Piece of string (to measure curved distance on a map)



Best ways for your son/daughter to revise

- ★ Flash cards
- ★ Mind maps
- ★ Quizzes/exam questions
- ★ Look, cover, write, check
- ★ Podcasts

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Contacting the department

We have an open door policy within the department – encourage your son/daughter to see their teacher with questions before school/after school, at break or lunchtime.

Please use the school website to contact your son/daughter's class teacher if you have any concerns or wish to talk further about how to support your son/daughter.



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