

Curriculum information for Geography Year 11

Which exam board and course are used?	AQA
What curriculum topics are being covered this year?	Coasts, fieldwork including a trip to Carding Mill Valley, Resources in the UK, Global Water Resources, Tectonics, Tropical Storms, pre-release Issue evaluation booklet, and then revision.
How many exams have students got and what is covered in each one?	Students will have one formal assessment at the end of each topic. Additionally, practice past-paper questions will be embedded throughout each topic to be completed either during lessons or as homework activities. Prior to Christmas they will have two mock exams – a Paper 1 and then another that will include a combination of questions from papers 2 and 3. There will be a further mock in March which will include content the cohort struggled with in the earlier mocks. GCSE Paper 1: Physical Geography: Ecosystems & Tropical Rainforests, Hot Deserts, Coasts, Rivers, Diverse Landscapes, Climate Change, Tectonics, Tropical Storms & UK Weather Hazards. GCSE Paper 2: Human Geography: Resources in the UK, Global Water Issues, Development (inc. Nigeria), UK Urban Change, Urbanisation [Mumbai] & UK Economic Futures. GCSE Paper 3: Issue Evaluation (based on pre-release) & Unseen Fieldwork/Geographical Skills.
What should students be focusing on?	Students should be focusing on learning the key content and practicing their geographical skills such as describing, explaining, assessing, evaluating and map-skills. Specific case-study content is crucial to success. This should be revised periodically.
What is the best way for parents to support students in this subject?	• Talk and ask them what they have been learning about. • Encourage them to watch any geographical documentaries. • Watch the news or follow a news App. • Encourage them to revise key geographical terminology, and for assessments • Remind them there is a 'Geography Revision' group on Microsoft Teams they are a member of and that they can use it to ask us questions, engage with lesson content and past paper questions, as well as revision strategies. • Ensure they're doing their weekly SENECA homework.
What websites and resources would be helpful? What wider reading would be helpful? Where can I get resources?	• Timeforgeography. This is a fantastic website which allows students to revise their understanding of physical and human processes. https://timeforgeography.co.uk/# . • The BBC bitesize Geography website is also really good and specific to the AQA course https://www.bbc.com/education/examspecs/zy3ptyc • Seneca. Useful for revision and testing subject knowledge. • Buy a GCSE revision guide – the CGP ones are fantastic (make sure you get the AQA one) – these are available at WH Smiths, Waterstones, Amazon etc. • Students will be given access to a knowledge organiser that contains a summary of the course which can be used for revising. • Their revision group on Microsoft Teams. • Use SENECA to revise specific topics and complete homework.
Have previous students got any tips or advice for this subject?	Use your knowledge organiser [these will be posted on the revision Team prior to PPEs]. Buy a revision guide early (see above). If you are unsure ask your teacher – they are there to help you. Know your case studies! Complete all SENECA homework – the repetition helps!

