

Geography – Year 7	Head of Department: Mrs R Chidgey
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Assessment Topics

1. Geographical Skills
2. Fantastic Places
3. Urbanising World
4. In to Africa
5. Coastal Change
6. Globalisation and Economic Activity

How Parents and Carers can support

In Year 7 each student will be working with Ordnance Survey maps of the local area.

1. You could help them by using an Ordnance Survey map when they are at home, asking them to give four and six figure grid references of their home/places you are visiting. If you don't know how to do them, get them to teach you!
2. You could also use the Ordnance Survey maps to plan a family walk/outing, especially if you are visiting new or interesting places like the Lake District.
3. Buy your child an atlas or a globe. It will not only help them with their studies but you can also spend time as a family looking up the location of places you are travelling/have travelled to; you can also find unknown places from the news and ask to locate places they have been studying in class.
4. Take your child to the library, encourage your child to read fiction and non-fiction about the world they live in. Encourage them to research your next trip, visit or holiday.
5. Geography is topical, so encourage your child to watch the news and read newspapers; it will help inform them of the issues facing the world. Also watch topical TV programmes, like Rise of the Continents. Geography is full of opinions, so debating controversial topics is a great way of training the Geographer within
6. GoogleEarth is a free programme to download (<http://earth.google.com/>) that provides access to a 3-D Earth and quality satellite imagery. It is great to use to explore places you have been or places you dream of travelling to.



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2. Restless Earth
3. Wild Weather
4. Environmental Issues
5. Glacial Landscape
6. Extreme Environments

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Geography – Years 9 & 10	Head of Department: Mrs R Chidgey
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Exam Board and Syllabus Code: GCSE Geography Edexcel B (1GB0)

Content

During their GCSE course students work towards the 3 components of Edexcel Geography syllabus B: Component 1, Global Geographical Issues, covers mainly global themes. Component 2, UK Geographical Issues, covers mainly UK themes and geographical investigations. Component 3, People and Environment Issues, which involves making geographical decisions.

Assessment

The course is assessed through 3 Components:

- **Component 1: Global Geographical Issues** - (37.5%) - 1 hour 30 minutes written exam (94 marks with 4 SPaG marks)
 - **Topic 1: Hazardous Earth**
 - **Topic 2: Development dynamic**
 - **Topic 3: Challenges of an urbanised world**
- **Component 2: UK Geographical Issues** - 37.5% - 1 hour 30 minutes written exam - (94 marks with 4 SPaG marks)
 - **Topic 4:** The UK's evolving physical landscape
 - **Topic 5:** The UK's evolving human landscape
 - **Topic 6:** Geographical Investigations – carried out from a primary field visit taking place in Spring of Year 10 to an urban environment and the other in Autumn of Year 11 to the coast.
- **People and Environment Issues - Making Geographical Decisions** (25%) - 1 hour 30 minutes written exam, (64 mark paper (4 SPaG marks)
 - **Topic 7:** People and the biosphere
 - **Topic 8:** Forest under threat
 - **Topic 9:** Consuming energy resources

How Parents and Carers can support

Geography Revision Tips:

1. Attend revision classes provided in school.
2. Complete work and keep notes up to date. (Websites and bitesize are no substitute for a good set of notes as you will be taught the appropriate case studies and topic content)
3. Complete any available exam questions.
4. Don't revise for too long... revise smart. Most people find it easier to revise in short 'chunks' of about 30 minutes.



5. Use revision websites, with interactive tests, games and videos allow you to do this in a fun way.

Useful Geography Revision Websites:

1. BBC GCSE BITESIZE – www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/ a comprehensive resource containing interactive tests, games and videos not only excellent for geography but other subjects too. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!!!
2. C4 Learning – www.channel4.co.uk/learning/ a useful site which directs you to more focussed geographical issues. Also contains information for other subjects.
3. SCALLOWAY – www.scalloway.org.uk/ a site containing online tests and past questions. The Scalloway site, based in Shetland, is designed around the Scottish exam system with its Highers, but much of the material is relevant to UK GCSE syllabuses. There is plenty of material here for all GCSE students.
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6. LETTS REVISE – www.lettsrevise.com – a new site with plenty of help – linking with their popular and useful printed books for revision.
7. GEOEXPLORER – www.geoexplorer.co.uk provides access to free geography resources including revision sheets, photos, virtual fieldwork and outline maps.
8. GET THAT GRADE – www.getthatgrade.co.uk – free online units of work aimed at better preparing students for the GCSE Geography examination.
9. REVISION BUSTER – www.revisionbuster.com/ links to number of useful Geography websites and virtual tours.
10. ORDNANCE SURVEY – www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk – site of Britain's national mapping agency. Check out the 'Education and MapZone'. Free downloadable maps available.

Don't forget about ipod and iphone apps – good geography revision quizzes and podcasts.



Geography – Year 11	Head of Department: Mrs R Chidgey
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Exam Board and Syllabus Code: GCSE Geography Edexcel B (2GB01)

Content

During their GCSE course students work towards the three Components of Edexcel Geography syllabus B. Component 1: Global Geographical Issues, Component 2: UK Geographical Issues (whereby we complete 2 compulsory field trips), and Component 3: People and Environment Issues (including Making Geographical Decisions). Students will explore Geographical topics on a Global and Local level, will get to collect primary enquiry data through our field trips, and also will be given the skills to complete make Geographical Decisions based on the knowledge they have collated over the 3 year course.

Assessment

The course is assessed through three units:

Component 1: Global Geographical Issues, 37.5% of the qualification

Topic 1: Hazardous Earth

Topic 2: Development dynamics

Topic 3: Challenges of an urbanising world

Written examination: 1 hour and 30 minutes, 94 marks.

Component 2: UK Geographical Issues, 37.5% of the qualification

Topic 4: The UK's evolving physical landscape

Topic 5: The UK's evolving human landscape

Topic 6: Geographical investigations

Students will attend an Urban field trip to Reading, and a Physical field trip to Christchurch Bay: the combined costings should not exceed £30.

Written examination: 1 hour and 30 minutes, 94 marks.

Component 3: People and Environment Issues – Making Geographical Decisions, 25% of the qualification

Topic 7: People and the biosphere

Topic 8: Forests under threat

Topic 9: Consuming energy resources

Written examination, 1 hour and 30 minutes, 64 marks.

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