

Geography GCSE Information Sheet

AQA GCSE: Geography Specification:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035>

Examination Information:

GCSE Geography is assessed in three Papers.

Below you will see a list of topics for each Paper, plus the named examples and case studies that students should know for each. We have given all students a Knowledge Builder Revision Pack which covers the examples and case studies shown below.

The Y11 Geography Mock Examination will be **one two-hour examination**. It will cover **everything except the ones shaded grey** below, because these will be covered between January and May.

Paper 1: Physical Geography

- Unit 1A Tectonic Hazards – Earthquakes (not volcanoes)
 - HIC earthquake example: [Italy, 2016](#)
 - LIC / NEE earthquake example: [Nepal, 2015](#)
- Unit 1A Weather Hazards & Climate Change:
 - UK extreme weather event example: [Somerset winter storms, 2013-14](#)
 - Tropical storm example: [Typhoon Haiyan, Philippines, 2013](#)
- Unit 1B The Living World: UK, Rainforests, Cold Environment (NOT IN Y11 MOCKS)
 - Small scale UK ecosystem example: [Lady Manners School Grounds](#)
 - Tropical rainforest: **East Malaysia** (case study but it's on an A3 sheet)
 - Cold environment: **The Arctic** (case study but it's on an A3 sheet)
- Unit 1C Physical Landscapes in the UK: River landscapes, Glacial landscapes
 - Major landforms along a UK river example: [River Tees](#)
 - UK flood management scheme example: [Flood management at the Somerset levels](#)
 - UK upland area affected by glaciation example: [The Lake District](#) (NOT IN Y11 MOCKS)
 - UK glaciated upland area used for tourism example: [The Lake District](#)

Paper 2: Human Geography

- Unit 2A Urban Issues and Challenges
 - Major LIC / NEE city: **Lagos** (case study = several pages in exercise book)
 - Major LIC / NEE city urban planning for the poor example: [Makoko](#)
 - Major UK city: **Sheffield** (case study = several pages in exercise book)
 - Major UK city urban regeneration project example: [Central Sheffield](#)
- Unit 2B Changing Economic World
 - LIC / NEE tourism reducing the development gap example: [Tunisia](#)
 - LIC / NEE country: **Nigeria** (case study = several pages in exercise book)
 - **Case Study: Economic change in the UK:**
 - More environmentally sustainable industry example: [UK car manufacturing](#)
- Unit 2C Resource Management:
 - Large scale agricultural development example: [Almeria](#)
 - LIC / NEE local sustainable food scheme: [Jamalpur rice-fish culture, Bangladesh](#)

Paper 3: Geographical applications

- **A. Issue Evaluation** (NOT IN Y11 MOCKS)
Based on a Resource Booklet released in March. Assessment will consist of a series of questions related to a contemporary geographical issue(s), leading to a more extended piece of writing which will involve an evaluative judgement.
- **B. Fieldwork.** Justify or evaluate any of these six stages of your fieldwork: Selecting a question; Collecting data; Presenting data; Analysing results; Conclusions; Evaluation.
 - Human fieldwork title: "What are the impacts of regeneration at Kelham Island?"
 - Physical fieldwork title: "How well does River Burbage fit the Bradshaw Model?"

How you can support your child:

A quiet space to work and a regular routine for completing homework and revision are highly recommended.

In order to achieve the best possible overall grade for their Geography GCSE we recommend that students get into the habit of **regular revision** sessions of thirty or forty minutes three or four times a week. This will help them to retain the knowledge required in the examinations. Students have completed **revision sheets** for all topics. They have been issued a **revision pack** to help learn their examples and case studies.

They should use their **revision pack** and their **exercise books**, for example **reading notes** and **highlighting key words**, then making **revision notes** such as on **flash cards**, then trying questions from several **past papers** which can be found on Moodle.

Grade Booster course:

Grade Booster Online course – costs £24

<https://ondemand.tutor2u.net/students/aqa-gcse-9-1-geography-grade-booster-digital>

“This AQA GCSE Geography Grade Booster course is designed to guide students through everything they need to know to maximise their success, including the format of the three papers, the geographical skills they need to master, how to answer all types of questions effectively, and how to feel confident with their fieldwork.”

Key Websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc> - BBC Bitesize, AQA GCSE Geography

<https://quizlet.com/en-gb> - Quizlet - Search 'AQA GCSE Geography LMS' for lists we have compiled for each unit

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/> - search AQA GCSE Geography

<https://timeforgeography.co.uk/#> - videos about geography topics

<https://www.tutor2u.net/live/archive?subject=geography&level=gcse> – hour-long recorded livestream revision sessions

Moodle:

All lessons and resources are available to students on Moodle – Geography Y11. It is important that if students are away from school that they catch up on the lessons that they have missed. Each lesson PPT is numbered, so students can easily see where they are up to using their books.

If you have any queries at any time, please do not hesitate to contact the Geography Curriculum Area via the school email: info@ladymanners.derbyshire.sch.uk