

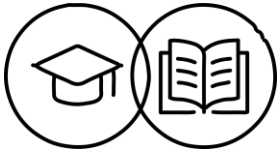
How can I support my child to succeed in their GCSE Geography course?

Dear Parent/Carer,

Geography is a subject with a large breadth of topics at GCSE. Success comes with many different levels. In order to pass, the most important habit that students can develop is to regularly go back and revise topics previously taught. **We issue ALL students with a revision book** which we believe is excellent for meeting the requirements of the course. To help support your child's studies, we have put together a small guide which gives some suggestions for how you can support your child along with some suggestions for further websites and resources that can support and/or extend your child's studies. We appreciate your continued support, especially in encouraging completion of all homework and revision for our regular unit assessments.

Please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Help your child with their Geography homework 	Your child will be asked to complete regular homework tasks. These may consist of doing Seneca tasks, writing essay questions, creating revision materials and revising for upcoming test questions. - You can help ensure that all homework is completed and handed in on time by regularly checking their check due dates and homework tasks on their Google Classroom and reminding them of what is due and when. - You can ask to read their homework and ask them questions about the content. - You can encourage your child to contact their teacher (via the Google Classroom) if they are struggling with a task.
Aiming for grade 7-9?	- Read the news (BBC/Sky). - Put 100% in to PPEs – identifying gaps early is essential. - Practice past papers independently.
Help your child to get organised and know where to look for help 	Your child will be issued with a revision book and learning lists and they should use them to identify strengths and gaps in their knowledge. - Tick off topics in the <u>revision guide</u> as you study them - Go back and ask questions about one or two pages worth of content (good dinner time activity!) - Try to vary the topic and content that you review
Encourage your child to check their knowledge  using Seneca	Seneca quizzes are directly aligned to the exam boards we use. Teachers will often set Seneca tasks and ask students to repeat quizzes. They keep track of your child's scores and use them to identify strengths and weaknesses. *Encourage your child to take these quizzes seriously and repeat them when asked. Ask them how they did and which questions were harder and why.
Essential revision techniques	- Edexcel GCSE bitesize - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zsytxsg - Past paper practice – available on the school computers public/geography/ks4/past papers or on the Edexcel GCSE Geography B website - Start to <u>mind map</u> out topics that have been studied using the <u>revision book</u> or learning checklists (also on school computers)

Exam board details: Edexcel B - Geography

Which exam board do you use? **Edexcel** [GCSE \(9-1\) Geography Specification | Pearson qualifications](#)

How many Geography papers will my child sit in the Y11 summer exams? **Three.**

How many topics does my child need to revise? **Nine – three in each paper**

Exam paper	Paper 1 - Global Geographical Issues	Paper 2 – UK Geographical Issues	Paper 3 – People and Environment Issues
Topics included and % of overall GCSE mark?	Topic 1: Hazardous Earth Topic 2: Development dynamics (Case study - India) Topic 3: Challenges of an Urbanising world (Case Study - Mumbai)	Topic 4: The UK's evolving physical landscape – including sub-topics 4A: Coastal change and conflict and 4B: River processes and pressures. Topic 5: The UK's evolving human landscape – including a Case Study - Dynamic UK cities (London) Topic 6: Geographical investigations – including one physical fieldwork investigation and one human fieldwork investigation linked to Topics 4 and 5.	Topic 7: People and the biosphere Topic 8: Forests under threat Topic 9: Consuming energy resources
Length of exam?	1 hour and 30 minutes	1 hour and 45 minutes	1 hour and 30 minutes
How many marks are on offer in this exam?	94 marks in total	94 marks in total	64 marks in total

What topics are covered in the Y11 Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) in November?

- Unit 4 (Physical landscape of the UK)
- Unit 5 (Human Landscape of the UK)
- Unit 6 (Geographical Investigations)

What topics are covered in the Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) toward the end of Year 10?

- Unit 1 (Hazardous Earth)
- Unit 2 (Development Dynamics)
- Unit 4 (Physical Landscape of the UK)

HOW TO PREPARE

- 1. USE THE REVISION BOOK FOR THESE TOPICS – questions at end of each topic in the book**
- 2. MINDMAP OUT THE TOPICS – these are available on request from teachers**
- 3. SENECA**

If you have further questions, please contact Mr Thacker (or your child's class teacher via your child's Google Classroom). Please also refer to additional guidance for supporting your child through their GCSE Geography course.

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