



Supporting your child through their GCSE Geography



The Geography exams

PAPER	TOPICS	DATE	LENGTH	MARK	%
1	Physical	22nd May 2018	1hr 30	/88	35%
2	Human	5th June 2018	1hr 30	/88	35%
3	Fieldwork	11th June 2018	1hr 15	/76	30%

Key dates for GCSE Geography

September	Compulsory Home Learning begins. Revision sessions start
October	'A Question a Day' begins.
November	Mock exam 1
December	
January	
February	Half term revision session.
March	Mock exam 2
April	
May	Easter revision sessions. Paper 1
June	Paper 2 and Paper 3

Compulsory Home Learning

Each fortnight your son/ daughter will be issued with a homework booklet which will enhance their revision before the examinations. Please support them in ensuring that the appropriate time and effort is spent, and that they are completed by the deadline (deadlines will be the last Geography lesson on week 2). Any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on: MHeaton@haydockhigh.sthelens.org.uk RSharratt@haydockhigh.sthelens.org.uk

Examination content

Exam: AQA Geography (8035)

Paper 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The challenge of Natural Hazards (NO Volcanoes) The Living World (NO Hot Deserts) UK Physical landscapes (NO Glaciation) 	Haiti (2010) and New Zealand (2011) earthquakes, Hurricane Katrina, Typhoon Haiyan, Cumbrian floods, Malaysian deforestation, Svalbard, Swanage coastline, River Tees, Banbury
Paper 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban issues and challenges The challenging economic world The challenge of resource management (Water) 	Rio de Janeiro, Manchester, Freiburg, Jamaica, Nigeria, Southampton Science Park, HS2, Heathrow Express, Torr Quarry, Kielder Water, Lesotho Water Project, Wakel River Project
Paper 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue evaluation Fieldwork Skills 	Salford Quays, Formby

Supporting with revision

Revision is vital for all students in all subjects but it can lead to a great deal of stress and anxiety for some students and their families. We've included some tips below for parents on revision:

- Encourage your son/daughter to start revision early – this will also be beneficial for the mock exams in December
- Encourage your son/ daughter to complete all compulsory home learning and the 'Question a Day' with the highest level of effort – these resources will then support their revision before the final exams and they won't have to re write them
- Revision guides – these are a great tool and student friendly. CGP in particular are popular with Year 11 pupils – these are available in the Geography department at a discounted rate of £3.60 (RRP £6). Many pupils have already purchased these.
- Websites such as our departmental www.haydockgeog.co.uk and 'GCSE Bitesize' are an extremely useful tool too, and can be used to complete the 'Compulsory Home Learning' booklets and provide useful links, blogs, revision strategies, etc
- Ensure that in your home there is a clear, quiet and calm area for your son/daughter to do their revision.
- Ask your son/ daughter if you can help them: checking their knowledge with flashcards, revision clocks, quizzes, talk about a case study, etc.
- Encourage your son/ daughter to attend revision sessions offered by the department after school and at lunchtimes – dates to be confirmed.
- Ensure that your son/ daughter understands all the case studies covered (see examination content table above) – these will enable them to achieve higher grades in the exam.

Revision techniques

Below are some suggestions on how your son/ daughter could revise independently :

- Flashcards
- Revision clocks
- Mind maps
- Practice exam questions
- Case study booklets
- 'A Question a Day'

'A Question a Day'

This year the Geography department are running an incentive for Y11 Geographers to take part in 'A Question a Day'. Students collect a calendar from either Mrs Heaton or Mr Sharratt at the beginning of each month and complete a question a day from October through to April. These will be collected and completion of each month will earn a raffle ticket. At the end of April the raffle will be drawn with 2 tickets to the 'Chill Factor' up for grabs!

Contacting the department

As a department, we regularly tweet revision tips, deadlines and upcoming events via @HaydockGeog. Or you can contact us directly via e-mail or on 01744678833. Finally, pupils and parents are encouraged to visit www.haydockgeog.co.uk for revision, homework and departmental news throughout the year (launching Oct 2017)