

Happy New Year! Welcome to the first Year 10 newsletter from the Geography department. We would like to keep you as up to date with what is going on as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

**Specification details**  
 We are studying AQA 9-1 GCSE Geography course. The specification can be found: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035>

**What are we doing in lessons?**

- We have started this term with our third topic: Urban Issues and Challenges which is our first human geography topic. Students have worked through Challenge of Natural Hazards and Living World already where we have seen some great geography starting to form with many.
- We have started to look at megacities around the world, before starting to look at two cities in depth, one worldwide NEE case study: Rio de Janeiro and one UK city: Bristol.

**Topics and Case studies**  
 Students have a variety of case studies (in depth examples of places) for each unit. In the exam, questions relating to these are worth 4, 6 or 9 marks and amount to 26/70 marks on both paper 1 and paper 2, over a third of the papers. Getting the case studies right will make a big difference to the student’s grades.

Topic	Case Study
Challenge of Natural Hazards	LIC Tectonic Hazard - <b>Nepal 2015</b> HIC Tectonic Hazard - <b>New Zealand (Kaikoura) 2016</b> Tropical Storm - <b>Typhoon Haiyan 2013</b> Extreme weather event in the UK - <b>Beast from the East (2018)</b>
The Living World	Small-scale UK ecosystem - <b>Epping Forest</b> Tropical rainforest - <b>The Amazon</b> Study of a cold environment - <b>Svalbard / Alaska</b>
Physical Landscapes in the UK	Coastline in the UK - <b>Dorset Coast (Swanage)</b> Coastal management scheme (UK) - <b>Lyme Regis</b> River valley in the UK - <b>River Tees</b> Flood management scheme (UK) - <b>Banbury</b>
Urban Issues and challenges	Major city in an LIC or NEE - <b>Rio De Janeiro, Brazil</b> Urban planning improving quality of life - <b>Rio De Janeiro, Brazil</b> Major city in the UK – <b>Bristol</b> Urban regeneration project - <b>Bristol Harbourside</b> Sustainable city - <b>Freiburg, Germany</b>
Changing Economic World	Growth of tourism in an LIC/NEE to reduce the development gap - <b>Jamaica</b> A case study of one LIC or NEE - <b>Nigeria</b> Modern industrial development can be more environmentally sustainable - <b>Quarrying, Somerset, UK</b>
Resource Management: FOOD	Large scale agricultural development to show how it has both advantages and disadvantages - <b>The Indus Basin Irrigation System, Pakistan &amp; India</b> Local scheme in an LIC/NEE to increase sustainable supplies of food - <b>Rice-Fish Farming in Jamalpur, Bangladesh</b>

**Seneca Learning** is a great way of completing short bursts of revision and the work is tailored to the exam specification we cover. Using this to help develop confidence in your knowledge which can then be supplemented with practice papers is a good way to revise.

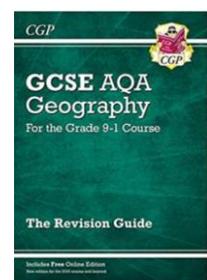
**Common mistakes from the last Year 10 assessment:**

- Not understanding what the question was asking them to do. Students would benefit from ‘HUG’ing the exam questions to help break down what is being asked.
- Not using geographical terms in their answer. By using more geographical terms (key word list are given as homework at the beginning of each topic), would help make their answers more geographical.

**What can the GCSE Geographers be doing at home?**

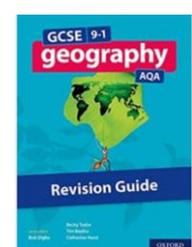
- Completing their homework in depth and on time. The better the homework is, the more it can be used for revision.
- Create case study flashcards with facts and place specific detail.
- Parents quizzing their children on which case studies match each of the topics.

**Revision Guides**



**CGP AQA 9-1 GCSE Geography** revision guide currently around £5.95 from Amazon and other retailers. ISBN: 978-1782946106.

There is also an associated **Exam Practice Workbook** (ISBN: 978-1782946113) and answer book (ISBN: 978-1782946120).



**AQA Geography 9-1 revision guide** by OUP and is retailing on Amazon for around £7.50. A revision guide that matches the content of the textbook that we use in lessons. ISBN: 978-0198423461. OUP also produce a **revision guide specifically for Grades 7-9** ISBN: 978-1382009591

We **do not** sell revision guides currently through school due the vast choice out there, we allow students to choose based on the revision guide which is right for them. Mrs Graham has a copy of each of these if a student wishes to view them first before choosing which is best with them.

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