

# Year 11 GCSE Geography at Abbey Park School

## Exam Board: AQA

This sheet applies to Mrs Graham's, Miss Taylor's, Miss Jones', Mrs Jackson's and Mrs Russell's classes

### Structure of the course:

The GCSE course is assessed on a 9-1 scale. The course will be 100% examined spread out over three examinations. Each examination will focus on different elements of Geography, be it the natural world, the human world or using our geographical knowledge to make informed and justified decisions

Paper 1 – **Living with the physical environment** – 88 marks, 1hr 30minutes, written paper worth 35% of total GCSE

Paper 2 – **Challenges in the human environment** – 88 marks, 1hr 30minutes, written paper worth 35% of total GCSE

Paper 3 – **Geographical Applications** – 76 marks, 1hr 15minutes, written paper, worth 30% of total GCSE (Pre-Release)

### What we covered in year 10?

In year 10 students completed five different topics that will give them skills to answer questions from all three examinations.

Living World – Ecosystems, Tropical Rainforests, Cold Environments

Challenges Natural Hazards – Weather and Tectonic Hazards and Climate Change

Urban Issues and Challenges – Growth of urban areas, focus on Rio and Bristol

Physical Landscapes in the UK – Geology, Rivers and Coasts

Changing Economic World – Development (world), Nigeria study

Fieldwork skills – we complete our first fieldwork of two to the River Cole in the summer, where students finished this write up over the summer holidays.

### What we will cover in Year 11

In year 11 students will complete the remaining units of:

Changing Economic World – UK economy

Human Fieldwork on Bristol – we are hoping to run a trip to Bristol which we guess will cost around £25 per student. As a back up if we are unable to get this trip running from funds we will complete an independent trip to Swindon.

Challenge of Resource Management – food security, tackling aid

Pre-Release – Around Easter the school will be given a Pre-Release booklet which will be examined in Paper 3. We will be preparing with students the content of this.

Revision will take place throughout both Years 10 and 11 at the beginning of each lesson, through 'Geog your Memory' 'Geoging to your exams' (exam practice) and 'Quick 10' (10 quick fire recall questions). This can assist pupils throughout the course on areas which they need to revise, rather than waiting until the end of Year 11.

### Home study Plan

Home study will be set every week. It will reflect work that has been taught in class, extra reading, exam questions and revision. It is also a good idea for students to watch the news and discuss world events as the range of topics in GCSE Geography is wide and varied.

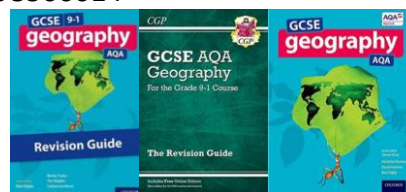
### Useful websites and books to help with revision and homework

**Revision guides:** GCSE Geography, AQA Grades 9-1 CGP books.

ISBN: 978-1782946106

GCSE AQA 9-1 Revision Guide (to match textbook used in class). ISBN: 978-0198423461

**Course Textbook:** GCSE Geography AQA student textbook. Oxford University Press. ISBN: 978-0198366614



*We have class sets of the course textbooks which we use in lessons.*

**Websites:** The AQA course website, with the specification outline and specimen

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

Seneca Learning, BBC Bitesize and Internet Geography have some great and easy to understand material.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/examspecs/zpsx2p3>

<https://app.senecalearning.com/>

<https://www.internetgeography.net/>

### Other Important information

- The course is 100% examined
- In each unit students will not only learn the content but also practise geographical skills ranging from map skills, graph construction, annotated diagrams to statistical analysis as well as fieldwork examples and techniques. Each unit will end with an assessment that covers the learned content to help track and monitor the progress of students throughout the course.
- The key focus of the exam board is to **"Think like a Geographer"**, with this, students will need to be able to apply their knowledge to a range of different.

### Mock 2023

You will complete **2 mock exams**  
A whole Paper 1 (Physical) and the first 2 sections of Paper 2 – the two human topics we have covered so far.