




WHS GCSE GEOGRAPHY INFORMATION FOR Y11 PARENTS - MARCH 2023

How will students be assessed?

Students will sit three examinations. The details of exam content, length of exams, marks available, and the percentage of the GCSE grade which each paper makes up are below.

 Paper 1: Living with the physical environment	1 hour 30 minutes	88 marks,	35%
 Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment	1 hour 30 minutes	88 marks,	35%
 Paper 3: Geographical applications	1 hour 15 minutes	76 marks,	30%

What are the Exam dates?

Paper 1: 22nd May, Afternoon

- Living with the physical environment (The challenge of natural hazards, The living world, Physical landscapes in the UK)

Paper 2: 9th June, Morning

- Challenges in the human environment (Urban issues and challenges, The changing economic world, The challenge of resource management)

Paper 3: 16th June, Afternoon

- Geographical applications (Issue evaluation, Fieldwork, Geographical skills)

How can parents help plan for success in the GCSE exams?

- Encourage your child to plan, and stick to, a timetable for revision. It is far better to revise smaller amounts of content more regularly than to try to learn the entire curriculum in the days before the exam.
- Quizzing your child, and helping them to recall key knowledge will prepare them well, as will reading though extended written pieces and helping your child to structure them coherently.
- Time your child when they are completing exam questions – they should aim for 1 minute per mark.

Best websites for GCSE GEOGRAPHY revision

- Visit the exam board website to look at past papers and mark schemes:
<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035/assessment-resources>
- Use Seneca learning to complete the activities which your teachers have set you:
<https://app.senecalearning.com/>
- Use the BBC Bitesize Website :
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc>
- Use Cool Geography:
www.coolgeography.co.uk
- Use the resources uploaded for you onto Microsoft Teams. You can access the through Teams, or using this link to SharePoint:
https://westborough.sharepoint.com/sites/WHS_Subjects_GE/sitepages/Home.aspx