

Geography Exam Preparation – October half term - the push to success!

The tables below summarise all the content and case studies that you need to know and understand for your final GCSE exams. However, in your Mock exams in November you will just be assessed on: **All of Paper 1 and UK physical landscape sections, plus physical fieldwork sections of Paper 2.**

Over the half term, you should be revising for Paper 1. You will need your Paper 1 revision pack which your geography teacher has given you in your geography lesson. It is your responsibility to collect it if you did not receive it. Complete the following tasks for your first lesson back:

1. **RAG** your knowledge of each section of the Paper 1 specification (for all three topics)
2. Complete the A3 knowledge organiser sheets for the 3 topics, using the information in your pack.
3. **Complete** at least 5 **exam style questions** at the back of your pack for each topic .
4. If you have time: Make summary **cards for the hazardous earth case studies** using the slides shared on google classroom.

Extension work for students aiming for a grade 6 or above you really should be:

1. Go to the BBC news and Guardian website regularly to read up on anything linked to natural disasters, development, inequality, climate change, India, megacities, The best students have broad understanding of current issues which really makes your responses stand out.
2. Go back over the intervention session resources and complete the rest of the assess question plans given and use the revision resources on landform formation etc.
3. Complete more case study card summaries if you have time (see list on the previous page).

Main tips for exam success: Always BUG questions, try every question, double develop explanations, use the GCSE acronym when describing patterns, use specific case study facts, balance your argument and add conclusions in 8 mark questions, check SPAG to gain 4 easy marks and use google classroom – all lessons, prep sessions, after school intervention lessons and lots of revision resources can be found there!

If you need help:

BBC Bitesize is always helpful: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zsytxsg>

Lots of educational videos can be found here: <https://timeforgeography.co.uk>

Seneca learning has the entire course for you: <https://www.senecalearning.com/>

Internet geography has SO many brilliant resources: <https://www.internetgeography.net/>

BBC news will keep you up to date on current geographical issues: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news>

The Guardian is a great source of info for potential grade 9 students: <https://www.theguardian.com/uk>

OR email Ms Birks on: o.birks@kaa.org.uk

Below is a list of all the topics that you will be assessed in for your final GCSE geography exam, as well as your final GCSE examination dates:

Paper 1: Global Geographical Issues **Final Exam Date: Wednesday 14th May, 2025 (am)**

Hazardous earth	Development dynamics	Urbanising world
Key content to revise: Global atmospheric circulation Natural causes of climate change Human causes of climate change Future climate uncertainty Causes, impacts and management of tropical cyclones Earth structure & plate boundaries Earthquake, volcano, tsunami Primary/secondary earthquake impacts Earthquake management	Key content to revise: Defining & measuring development Global inequality and theories Top down/bottom up development Location and context of India Changes in India since 1990 Impacts of globalisation on India Impacts of development on people and the environment in India Rapid development and the impact on India's role in the world.	Key content to revise: Past and current urbanisation trends Megacities and world cities Causes of city growth Differences in urban economies Changes in cities/land use over time Mumbai's site, situation & structure Causes of Mumbai's growth Impact of growth on land use Positives/negatives of growth Strategies to improve Mumbai
Case studies required: Hurricane Katrina & Typhoon Haiyan Haiti & Japan Earthquake (tsunami) Climate change impacts	Case studies required: Malawi India – various aspects	Case studies required: Kampala, New Delhi, Detroit New York Mumbai – various aspects

Paper 2: UK Geographical Issues **Final Exam date: Friday 6th June, 2025 (pm)**

UK physical landscape	UK human landscape
Key content to revise: How geology and past processes shape the landscape Upland & lowland; weathering and slope processes Human activity and distinct landscapes Coastal geology, processes and landforms Impact of human activity on coasts Increasing risks of flooding Coastal management (hard, soft, sustainable, ICZM) Features and processes along a river profile Causes and impacts of flooding, plus increased risk Managing flood risk	Key content to revise: Features of core and periphery areas with UK and EU policies Impact of migration on the UK Changes in employment sectors, globalisation and FDI London's site, situation, connections, structure, function Causes of types of migration and inequality in London City decline and growth Regeneration, rebranding, sustainable urban strategies Interdependence of city and rural areas – impacts. Causes and impacts of rural change Strategies to improve rural life
Case studies required: Upland (Lake District) & Lowland (The Weald) Human activity – South Downs Holderness Coast flooding and management Sheffield River flooding and management Coasts fieldwork: Eastbourne	Case studies required: London (Richmond, Newham, Lambeth) Terling Exeter Cornwall Urban fieldwork: Kensington and Chelsea

Paper 3: People and Environment Issues **Final Exam date: Thursday 12th June, 2025 (am)**

People and the biosphere	Forests under threat	Consuming energy resources
Key content to revise: Global distribution of biomes Global and local influences Biosphere resources & exploitation Biosphere impact on climate, water and nutrient cycles Global & regional resource trends Malthus and Boserup theories	Key content to revise: TRF structure, function & adaptation Taiga features reflecting its climate TRF threats; deforestation and climate change Taiga threats; logging, acid rain, forest fires and pests. Global (CITES/REDD) and sustainable forest management. National parks & sustainable forestry	Key content to revise: Classification of energy resources Resource extraction has impacts Access to energy is uneven, as is use Demand for oil is rising, access is uneven Pros and cons of using new resources Reducing fossil fuel use has technical challenges Fossil fuel alternatives & future technologies Changing attitudes to energy

