



# Geography



AQA Specification A

## GCSE EXAMINATIONS: 3 Exam Papers (100% of total marks)

- **PAPER 1 (35% of total marks) Living with the Physical Environment (1½ hours)**
- A series of structured questions on each of 3 topics: The Challenge of Natural Hazards / The Living World / Physical Landscapes of the UK – River Landscapes and Coastal Landscapes.
- **Students will sit this paper in May 2019**
  
- **PAPER 2 (35% of total marks) Challenges in the Human Environment (1½ hours)**
- A series of structured question on each of 3 topics: Urban Issues and Challenges / The Changing Economic World / Challenge of Resource Management
- **Students will sit this paper in June 2019**
  
- **PAPER 3 (30% of total marks) Geographical Applications (1¼ hours)**
- This paper allows to draw together knowledge, understanding and skills from the full course of study. It is an opportunity for students to show their breadth of understanding and an evaluative appreciation of the interrelationships between different aspects of geographical study.
- A series of structured question on each of 2 sections: The Issue Evaluation / Fieldwork
- **Students will sit this paper in June 2019**

For each of the papers, the topics that will be covered in Year 10 have been underlined. There will also be ongoing preparation for Paper 3.

**LOCAL FIELDWORK INVESTIGATIONS** Students will complete two **local fieldwork investigations** – one based on the Human Environment topic (Year 11) and one on the Physical Environment (Year 10). The fieldwork involves students going out of school to collect data at two points during the GCSE course. This work will be written up and will be examined in **Paper 3**.

## HOMEWORK

- All homework tasks are available through Show My Homework.

## REVISION GUIDES

- The recommended CGP revision guides and workbooks are on sale in the library.

## SUPPORT

Parents can support students by helping to ensure they make use of our Top Ten Tips for Success in Geography, students should:

- **Highlight** the **relevant chapters** in the revision book.
- Learn which questions they should answer and which **not** to do.
- Learn **all** the **case studies** in detail.
- Learn the **command words** for the exam questions and what they mean (e.g. *Describe, Explain, and Compare*).
- Check that they have a **complete** set of notes in your exercise book, including all sheets stuck in at the correct place.
- **Practise** exam questions and check your answers against the mark scheme to see how to improve.
- **Learn** all the key words for each topic.
- **Know** how many marks they need to get (out of the overall total of 400) in order to reach their target grade.