

Achieving Success – Subject Specific Tips

Subject	Geography	Exam Board	OCR A
Class and Homework Expectations			
Students should bring the following items each lesson: Book, stationary including pens, pencils, rulers and rubbers. A calculator is also required in Geography. When purchased your revision guide may be helpful for some lessons.			
Students should complete all class and home learning, to the best of their ability and without disruption to anyone else’s learning. If a student is finding the learning, either in school or at home, difficult, they should use Google Classroom to go over the lesson learning and/or approach their teacher for help as early as possible.			
Students are expected to take responsibility for their own learning and strive to achieve the highest grade possible by maintaining high attendance and catching up with any lessons missed through absence.			
Scheme of work			
Year 10 Part 1 – Living in the UK today: 1. Landscapes of the UK 2. People of the UK 3. UK Environmental Challenges Part 2 – The World Around Us 1. Ecosystems of the Planet		Year 11 Part 2 – The World Around Us 2. People of the Planet 3. Environmental Threats to Our Planet	
Assessment objectives			
AO1 Demonstrate knowledge of locations, places, processes, environments and different scales (15%)	AO2 Demonstrate geographical understanding of: ● concepts and how they are used in relation to places, environments and processes ● the inter-relationships between places, environments and processes (25%)	AO3 Apply knowledge and understanding to interpret, analyse and evaluate geographical information and issues and to make judgements (35%)	AO4 Select, adapt and use a variety of skills and techniques to investigate questions and issues and communicate findings (25%)
Assessment			
Each unit will be tested with short fact tests throughout and end of unit tests using an exam paper extract. There will also be one PPE in summer of year 10 and two in year 11.			

How to do well in the subject at GCSE

- Attend all lessons and complete all the work set in class and at home
- Catch up with any lessons missed
- Use a revision guide to go over the concepts you have learned in the lesson, you can do this after each lesson.
- Use the practise questions in the revision guide, either on your own or being tested by others.
- Keeping a glossary of key terms at the back of your book may help you, as there are many to learn.
- Learn key diagrams that can be used to help answer exam questions e.g. meander formation, longshore drift etc.
- Working on your skills from mathematics will also help your geography e.g. graphs (including line, bar, pie and scatter), percentages, ratios, averages.
- Try to make links across the units we do, geography is very interconnected.
- Use the revision resources available to you, including Educake, not just before a test but as we go through the course – you can set questions for yourself on Educake to revise by testing your knowledge.
- Learn common command words: Identify, label, state, name, compare, describe, explain, discuss, assess, evaluate and justify.

Support Available

- Revision guides will be available soon
- Revision sessions in year 11
- Possible interventions in Year 11
- Use of Google Classroom

How parents could help support

- Check they are doing home learning when set
- Encourage them to set up a revision timetable to do little and often
- Encourage them to make revision resources such as flashcards or MindMaps.
- Help them by checking their understanding prior to test/mocks etc
- Take them to experience the environments we study – rivers, coasts and glaciated areas.

Helpful websites or resources

Specification [OCR GCSE \(9-1\) in Geography A \(Geographical Themes\) \(J383\) Specification](#)
Quizlet [OCR GCSE Geography Flashcards | Quizlet](#)
BBC Bitesize [GCSE Geography - OCR - BBC Bitesize](#) (This is for OCR but may cover both specifications).
Google Classroom <https://classroom.google.com>