

How Can Parents Help?

1. Check that your son/daughter is making full use of all the resources and support available:

We have worked hard to provide resources that will help with revision. Please check that your son/daughter is using these resources.

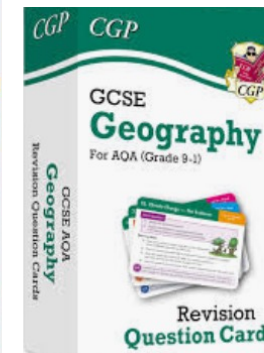
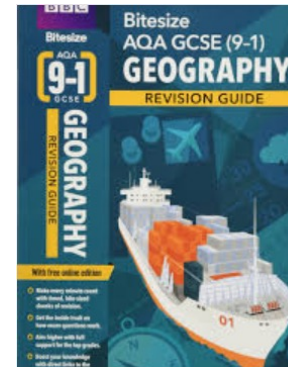
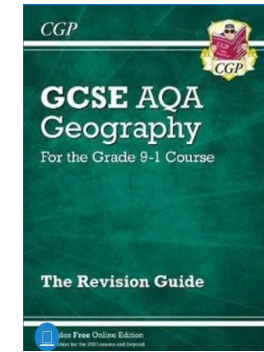
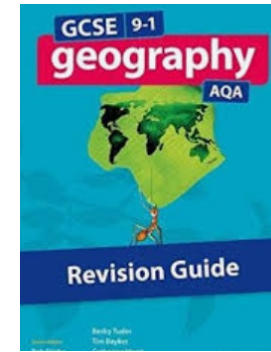
- Are they using the revision materials (including past papers) that are on the Learning Portal in the 'Geography AQA GCSE Revision Folder'?
- Are they using the revision checklists and knowledge organisers that they have been given?
- Are they being proactive in asking for help?
- Do they have their class workbooks to hand? If they have misplaced these completed ones can be downloaded from the 'Geography AQA Revision Folder'.

2. Check that your son/daughter is using effective revision strategies:

It is crucial that pupils follow the advice they have been given on preparing themselves for their examinations. Simply reading through notes is not enough. The key tips for success in Geography are:

- Regular self-testing – encourage your son/daughter to test their knowledge. Recalling what they have learned will help to embed key knowledge into their memory which in turn will make it easier for them to recall it in the exam. The CGP revision guide and knowledge organisers that they have been given will help them with this. They could always teach you about a key topic from the revision checklist or you could ask them questions about specific topics or case studies. Blank page retrieval exercises also work well.
- Practice answering exam questions – learning Geographical content on its own is not enough to secure a good GCSE grade. Examiners are looking for students to apply their knowledge to a variety of different question types. Some of these will be low tariff questions involving data interpretation, calculations and data completion while others will be higher tariff and will require extended writing. We have spent a lot of time in class working on these, but we strongly suggest that your son/daughter uses past papers questions as a central part of their revision. Their class teacher will mark and provide feedback on any questions they complete.

GCSE Geography AQA



Advice for Effective Revision

What Do I Need To Revise?



PAPER 1: Living with the Physical Environment

35% of the final GCSE: 1 ½ hour examination

Section A: The Challenge Of Natural Hazards

Tectonic hazards, tropical storms, extreme weather, climate change

Section B: The Living World

Ecosystems, tropical rainforests, hot desert environments

Section C: Physical Landscapes Of The UK

Coastal landscapes, river landscapes

PAPER 2: Challenges in the Human Environment

35% of the final GCSE: 1 ½ hour examination

Section A: Urban Issues & Challenges

Patterns of urban growth, cities in the developing & developed world

Section B: The Changing Economic World

The development gap, development in Nigeria, UKs changing economy

Section C: The Challenge of Resource Management

Global distribution of resources, UK resource challenges, food resources

PAPER 3: Geographical Applications

30% of the final GCSE: 1 ½ hour examination






Section A: Issue Evaluation

Questions based on topic in the pre-release resource

Section B: Fieldwork

Questions on human and physical fieldwork undertaken

What Can I Do To Improve?

Resource	Study Skill	What to do
Checklists, Mind Maps & Flashcards	 	<p>Use the revision mind maps and checklists you have been given to identify your strong and weak areas (see GCSE Geography Revision folder if you have misplaced these) Spend at least one hour per week revising weak areas.</p> <p>It would be a good idea to use knowledge tests/notes from lessons/information from revision guides and resources in the GCSE Geography Revision folder to create flashcards – particularly for your case studies.</p>
Past Papers		<p>Look back through your book and write out the exam questions you have answered, use the feedback given (especially any model answers) to improve on these. Look at sample and past papers in the GCSE Geography Revision folder.</p>
BBC GCSE Bitesize		<p>GCSE Bitesize AQA Geography is a great place to start: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zy3ptyc</p> <p>Cool Geography is also an excellent resource: http://www.coolgeography.co.uk/gcse/revision_zone.php</p>
Microsoft Stream		<p>Many of the GCSE topics have been screen casted and can be accessed through the school's Microsoft Stream account. The links to these are in a word document in the 'Geography AQA GCSE Revision Folder' in the Geography Folder on the school's Learning Portal.</p>