



Welcome to the Year 10 newsletter from the Geography Department. We would like to keep you up to date with the Geography Department. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us jwilkinson@buckinghamsschool.org pomalley@buckinghamsschool.org spykett@buckinghamsschool.org

Specification details

Y10 are studying the **Eduqas B** GCSE (9-1) Geography 9-1 course. The specification can be found here: <https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/5ofdo23l/gcse-geog-b-spec.pdf>
All Personal Learning Checklists for the Specification, together with revision materials will be made available in the 'Eduqas Geography B Google Classroom, code: xf3pgew

What are we doing in lessons?

We will begin GCSE by entering the Young Geographer of the Year competition, after which we will commence GCSE studies looking at Biomes and Ecosystems, including Desertification

Topics and case studies

Students have a variety of case studies (in depth examples of places) for each of the ten topics. In the exam, questions related to these are worth either 6 or 8 marks and amounts to 26/70 marks on both Paper 1 and Paper 2, over a third of the papers! Getting these case studies right will make the biggest difference to students' grades.

Year 10	Year 11
Biomes and Ecosystems, & Desertification	Development Issues
Urban and Rural Change	Coasts
Weather and Climate	Contrasting Global Cities
Climate Change	Water Resources
Rivers	
Fieldwork and Skills	

Exam 1: 1 hour 45 minutes	Exam 2: 1 hour 30 minutes	Exam 3: 1 hour 30 minutes
<p>Component 1: Investigating Geographical Issues. Worth 40% of qualification.</p> <p>Split into 3 sections: Q1: Theme 1 – Changing places, changing economies, Q2: Theme 2 – Changing environments Q3: Theme 3 – Environmental challenges</p> <p>Often referred to as the 'knowledge paper'.</p>	<p>Component 2: Problem Solving Geography Worth 30% of qualification</p> <p>Part A: Introducing the issue Part B: Outline possible solutions Part C: Choose solution and justify in an extended response</p> <p>Often referred to as the as the 'decision making paper'.</p>	<p>Component 3: Applied Fieldwork Enquiry Worth 30% of qualification</p> <p>Part A: Approaches to fieldwork methodology, representation and analysis Part B: How fieldwork may be used to investigate Geography. Part C: Assess the application of geographical concepts and assess the ability to make and justify a decision.</p> <p>Often referred to as the as the 'skills paper'.</p>

Top 5 Targets, based on recent exams:

1. Make sure you break down the question correctly
2. Apply the correct case study to the topic area
3. Ensure you 'Assess and Evaluate' in the 6 and 8 mark questions.
4. Develop answers to obtain all available marks: Point Evidence Explain!
5. Spell geographical words correctly. These terms are often featured in the question.

What can the GCSE geographers be doing at home?

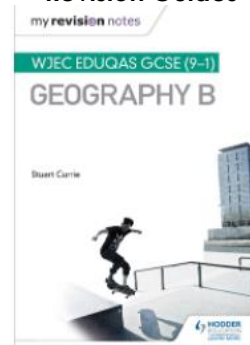
- Question-a-day revision
- Be an active learner –participate and get fully involved in the lessons to get the most out of them.
- Complete all work and undertake wider reading
- Create flashcards of facts and information for the examples/places listed above.
- Keep up to date with current events

Watch: <https://www.internetgeography.net/wider-watching-in-geography/>

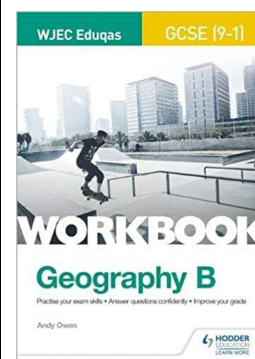
Plus, Zac Effron's Down to Earth!

Watch/Read about Current Affairs and Events locally, nationally, globally

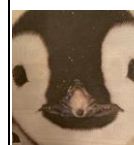
Revision Guides



Please note a second edition is due Sept. 2021
Revision Notes: WJEC WEDQAS GCSE (9-1) Geography B by Hodder is retailing for **c£8.99** on Amazon. It is the revision guide associated with the textbook we use in the classroom.
ISBN: 9781471887376



This workbook guide is currently retailing at **c£5.95** on Amazon.
ISBN: 9781510453548



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