# Curriculum Intent, Implementation and Impact 2019-20

Subject: Geography Eduqas GCSE

Year group: 10

Periods per fortnight: 5

#### INTENT:

"Geography explains the past, illuminates the present and prepares us for the future. What could be more important than that?" - Michael Palin

To encourage students to have a curiosity and fascination in finding out about the world and its people and to develop an excellent knowledge of where places are and what they are like. Through a holistic understanding of the ways in which places are interdependent and interconnected, and how human and physical environments are interrelated students will develop a comprehensive understanding of the issues facing a diverse range of places and people, now and in the future. Our ambition is to inspire pupils' curiosity to learn more about the world around them.

Geographical concepts include studying the interaction between physical and human processes and the formation and use of landscapes and environments. Students will use these skills to make connections, draw contrasts, analyse trends and interpret a range of sources of geographical information using maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems (GIS.) Students will gain an understanding of the methods of geographical enquiry in order to communicate geographical information in a variety of ways, including through maps, numerical and quantitative skills. Students will practice extended writing, showing consolidation and extension of knowledge of the world's major countries. In doing so students will gain an awareness of increasingly complex geographical systems in the world.

### **Breakdown of Exam Components**

Exam	1:	1	hour	45	minutes

# Component 1: Investigating Geographical Issues.

Worth 40% of qualification.

Split into 3 sections:

Q1: Theme 1 – Changing places, changing economies,

Q2: Theme 2 – Changing environments

Q3: Theme 3 – Environmental challenges

We often refer to this as the 'knowledge paper'.

# Exam 2: 1 hour 30 minutes

# Component 2: Problem Solving Geography

Worth 30% of qualification

Part A: Introducing the issue Part B: Outline possible solutions

Part C: Choose solution and justify in an extended response

We often refer to this as the 'decision making paper'.

# Exam 3: 1 hour 30 minutes

# Component 3: Applied Fieldwork Enquiry

Worth 30% of qualification

Part A: Approaches to fieldwork methodology, representation and analysis Part B: How fieldwork may bused to investigate Geography.

Part C: Assess the application of geographical concepts and assess the ability to mand justify a decision.

We often refer to this as the 'skills paper'.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION:**

There are three main study areas;

**Changing Places- Changing Economies**. Students will investigate changes in urban and rural areas and the impact for both UK and Global places. Issues studies will include; development, resources, impact of globalisation and consequences of uneven development.

**Changing Environments.** Students will focus on the formation of, and changes to distinctive landscapes of the UK. Students will learn about how natural environments are effected due to human influence, and natural events such as storms, flooding and climate change.

**Environmental Challenges**. Students will study the changing environments of different biomes around the world. Students will consider the struggle to achieve water and food security in some locations around the world. Students will consider how challenging environments can be managed sustainably in the future.

**Fieldwork Component.** These change in focus each year. Current Year 10 will be assessed in 2022 and as such will adopt Qualitative Surveys as Methodological approach and Place as the Conceptual framework.

Year of assessment	Methodological approach	Conceptual framework
<del>2018</del>	Use of transects	Sphere of influence
<del>2019</del>	Geographical flows	Mitigating risk
<del>2020</del>	Qualitative surveys	Sustainability Sustainability
2021	Change over time	Cycles and flows
2022	Qualitative surveys	Place
2023	Use of transects	Inequality
2024	Change over time	Mitigating risk

Term	Topics studied	Lesson Overview	How parents could support students?
Term 1	Biomes and Ecosystems		
	What is the relationship between climate and biomes at a global scale?	1.To be able to describe the biotic and abiotic features of the semi-arid grasslands.  2.to understand where the Serengeti is and how humans use the Semi-Arid	Watch wildlife and nature programmes together
	What physical processes and interactions operate within ecosystems?	Grassland. 3.to understand where the Serengeti is and how humans use the Semi-Arid Grassland	
	How are ecosystems used by people?	4.To understand how the Serengeti is being damaged by human activity 5.To understand how the Semi-Arid	
	How are ecosystems damaged by human activity?	Grassland (Serengeti), can be managed to help reduce the issues caused by human activity.  6.To be able to describe the climate and	
	Why and how are ecosystems managed in a sustainable way?	identify the species that live in the rainforest. 7.To explain how plants are adapted to living in the rainforest biome	
	What are the physical processes operating in hot semi-arid regions that	8.To describe and explain how humans can have impact on the rainforest.	

make them vulnerable to desertification?

To what extent does human activity contribute to the problem of desertification?

How can environments vulnerable to desertification be managed

What is the relationship between climate and biomes at a global scale?

What physical processes and interactions operate within ecosystems?

How are ecosystems used by people?

How are ecosystems damaged by human activity?

Why and how are ecosystems managed in a sustainable way?

#### **Weather and Climate**

Why is the UK climate so variable?

How does the global circulation of the atmosphere create distinctive climate zones?

What are the causes, impacts and responses to Tropical storms i.e.
Typhoon Haiyan

What are the causes, impacts and responses: Droughts in Ethiopia

#### Climate Change

How has climate changed since the Quaternary period?

What are the causes of global warming?

Effects of climate change

- 9.To understand how we can use the rainforest more sustainably.
- 10.To understand what a small-scale ecosystem is and to be able to describe examples.
- 11.To explain the importance of small-scale ecosystems to the local community and to understand the role that stakeholders play.
- 12.to understand how a sand dune ecosystem in the UK is managed for a sustainable future.
- 13.To understand how to put together an AO3 exam question and be able to successfully plan and write an 8 mark answer.

- 1 UK Climate
- 2 UK Climate graphs
- 3 Atmospheric Zones
- 4 High and Low Pressure Conditions
- 5 Distribution of Extreme Weather
- 6 Typhoon Haiyan
- 7 Ethiopian Drought
- 8 End of unit test

Watch Country file weather to see an excellent explanation of the daily weather.

1 Climate changes over time

2 Physical causes of climate change

3 Anthropogenic causes of climate change

4 Effects of Climate Change

- 5 Tuvalu case study
- 6 Impacts on HICs
- 7 What can we do in the UK

8 End of unit assessment

Watch relevant programmes and be aware of climate change in the news

	Attitudes to climate change  Reducing the risk of climate change  Urban and Rural Change What changes are taking place in where people live in the UK	Appreciate the importance of commuting and teleworking in affecting	Discuss how working life has changed over time,
	Cardiff What are the distinctive features of UK cities	where people live. Be able to use key terminology e.g. urbanisation, counter-urbanisation  2 & 3 Cardiff and urban Zones	how we have changed where and how we shop.
Term 2	Urban and Rural Change (cont)  What factors have driven urban and rural change across the UK  What is the cause and effect of change in shopping (retail provision) across the UK  What are the issues associated with leisure use?	4 & 5 Suburbs v Inner City 6 & 7 How do urban areas affect us 8 Ethnic minorities 9 Wealth & poverty 10 Sustainable communities 11 Building on green belt 12 Urban renewal 13 Choropleth maps 14 Commuting 15 Changing rural areas 16 Retail catchments 17 Technology & shopping 17a Build new homes assessment 18 Death of the high street 19 Damaging natural environments 20 Impacts of sporting events	
Term 3	Rivers How do people and processes contribute to the development of distinctive river landscapes in the UK? Why do rivers flood and what are the consequences? How can rivers be managed? Why is flood management often controversial?	1 Hydrological Cycle 2 Discharge and infiltration 3 Hydrographs 4 Shaping the Landscape 5 Upper course 6 Middle course 7 Lower course 8 Storm Desmond and Flood Management 9 Causes of flooding 10 Bangladesh Flooding 11 Flood management 12 End of Unit test	Visit the river in Buckingham and consider processes that have formed and shaped its path, together with how we interact with the river.
	Field work and Skills	1 Introduction to Field studies 2-4 Primary methods 5 Secondary Data collection 6 Understanding Data 7-9 Data presentation and Analysis	

Students will able to show skills in investigation, interpretation and evaluation of key concepts. They will show confidence and curiosity in questioning and knowledge, ambition to succeed, resilience when they need to take challenges and work hard, respect and empathy for their peers and colleagues in the school, local and global communities and act at all times with integrity.

The impact of the curriculum will be measured by classroom assessment, homework and formal assessments. This will ensure the students can sit their formal GCSE assessments at the end of Year 11.

## **Recommended Reading:**

My Revision Notes: WJEC Eduqas GCSE (9–1) Geography B ISBN: 9781471887376

WJEC Eduqas GCSE (9–1) Geography B Andy Leeder, Alan Brown, Bob Digby, Val Davis ISBN: 9781471857874

WJEC EDUQAS GCSE (9-1) Geography B Textbook (RRP £26.99)

WJEC EDUQAS GCSE (9-1) Geography B Workbook (RRP £5.99)\*

My Revision Notes: WJEC EDUQAS GCSE (9-1) Geography B (RRP £9.99)

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork for WJEC GCSE Geography and WJEC EDUQAS GCSE (9-1) Geography A and B (RRP £14.99)

## What can Students do to be successful in GCSE Geography?

**Be an active learner** – students to participate and get fully involved in the lessons to get the most out of them.

Complete all work -both at home and at school

**Stretch yourself** – take the challenge in all lessons and tasks

**Keep up to date with current events** around the world to broaden knowledge of what is happening around the world (use the BBC/Guardian/Twitter to find relevant news)

**Do wider reading** – to help to broaden and extend vocabulary and understanding of global even

## What are the key websites or Apps that my child could use?

https://www.internetaeographv.net/wider-watching-in-aeographv/

<u>www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</u> – BBC Bitesize has an Eduqas section, which is good for revision notes and quick tests

<u>www.senecalearning.com</u> – Good for revision for a range of subjects, just remember to look for Eduqas GCSE Geography B

<u>www.maps.google.com</u> – Virtual visits to different parts of the world and mapping exercises.

@TBSGeoggers our departmental link to interesting and relevant 'five minute reads'. Excellent knowledge builders and discussion starts.

<sup>\*</sup>Highly recommended for revision from Year 10 onwards.

## Take a tour on a virtual journey

### **Eiffel Tower Video**

With help from google explore the Eiffel Tower and journey up to the top.

https://www.metro.us/news/take-a-virtual-tour-of-eiffel-tower-with-google/tmWmgp--944DxmazHErU

#### Great Wall of China 360 view

Learn more about the Great Wall of China.

http://www.airpano.com/360photo/China-Great-Wall/

#### Great Wall of China Virtual Tour

Walk the Great Wall of China

https://www.thechinaguide.com/destination/great-wall-of-china

### **Louvre Gallery**

Visit the Museum's exhibition rooms and galleries.

https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne

# What parents and carers can do to encourage students to take further interest in Geography?

Any documentaries about the world we live in today, from nature to the UK housing crisis. Geography covers a range of topics so keep up to date with the news and current affairs. Open discussion and debate around topics in the news. If you are lucky enough to travel in the UK or abroad, take time to look for, and to discuss, human and physical characteristics of the location.