

Geography- Exam Board: AQA

Subject Overview (coursework/exam split, timings, weightings etc.):

Paper 1 and 2:

Each paper is a written examination of 1 hour and 30 minutes.
 88 marks available (including 3 marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) and specialist terminology.
 Each paper is worth 35% of the GCSE.

Paper 3:

This paper is a written examination of 1 hour and 15 minutes.
 76 marks available (including 6 marks for SPaG).
 This paper will have Pre-Released Material available 12 weeks before the exam.
 This paper is worth 30% of the GCSE.

Key Topics:

Paper 1: Living with the Physical Environment – Key topics include:

River and Coastal Environments
 Natural Hazards (Tectonic Hazards, Weather Hazards and Climate Change)
 Living World (Tropical Rainforest and Hot Deserts)

Paper 2: Challenges of the Human Environment – Key topics include:

Urban challenges in an LIC/NEE – Rio de Janeiro; and HIC – Liverpool
 Resource Management included main focus on Water
 Changing Economic World – Nigeria and the UK

Paper 3: Geographical Applications

Fieldwork write-up on Regeneration in Liverpool and Plant succession on the Sand Dune system at Ainsdale
 General fieldwork skills and application
 Issues Analysis – pre-released material (topic to be confirmed)

Useful websites:

Rainford Geography Twitter page - @RainfordGeography
 Rainford Geography Facebook page
 BBC Bitesize – AQA Geography

Useful resources:

CPG GCSE Geography (AQA 9-1) Revision Guide
 Knowledge organisers by topic – available in the department and on Connect
 Unit Check Lists – available in department and on Connect

Useful revision tips:

Start revision NOW – start making revisable resources such as flash cards, mind maps, knowledge organisers. Start with Year 10 content and work your way through to the most recent material.
 Attend the revision tutorials available in the department and over the half term and Easter holidays.
 Make use of the Sample papers and Mark Schemes available on Connect.