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GCSE Geography Advice for our Year 11 Students

Dear Student,

Reflecting on your mock exams

Having now completed your mock exams you will have gone through the important process of reviewing your papers, looking at mark schemes and model answers and noting corrections. Based on this you should now have identified key areas to work on to improve your grades further and we would encourage you to seek advice from your teachers if there is anything you now feel they need further help with. Remember, the most important thing now is not the grade you got but what you have gained from the experience and how you are now going to learn from mistakes and prepare thoroughly for the final exams.

What is already available for you?

- All teaching resources – PowerPoints etc. for whole course available to you all on the GCSE Geography Schoology course www.schoology.com
- Case Study / Examples summary booklet is available on Schoology to download as a .pdf
- Revision Question and Answer cards for all topics (downloadable from Schoology)
- Practice question booklets – you have a Physical Questions booklet (Unit 1) – you can download a Unit 2 (Human Questions booklet) from Schoology.
- Friday GCSE Clinic – lunchtime – staff available in N16
- Afterschool Exam technique revision classes (starting Mon 14th Jan - see revision schedule at end of letter).
- Twitter [@StIvoGeography](https://twitter.com/StIvoGeography) and Instagram (stivogeography) – used to remind you of key ideas / relevant information and from March onwards – revision specific tweets.
- [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/StIvoGeography) (St Ivo Geography Department) – reminder of revision links and from March onwards – revision specific posts.

ONLINE INTERACTIVE RESOURCES:

- BBC Bitesize GCSE Geography AQA <https://www.bbc.com/education/examspecs/zy3ptyc>
- **Educake** – you all have access to the interactive questions to test yourself on different topics using Educake (password is the same as that for science) – for those of you who do not have access or have forgotten your password please see Mr Chambers.

- GCSEPod www.gcsepod.com There are some very useful video revision summaries here – do be aware though that some case studies are NOT those we follow so be selective.
- **Geography PiXL app** – you all have access to this app to test you on key ideas if you are looking for an interactive way of revising. You will need to download the app either from <https://geographyapp.pixl.org.uk/> or from the App store.

Other revision resources will be made available on Schoology as they become available and will be advertised in lessons and via our social media accounts (twitter / Instagram / facebook).

Revision Guides?

There are some good commercial revision guides (**you need to look for ones that cover the AQA GCSE course**) – remember these will help you revise the key geographical concepts but you should be making good use of your books for the specific examples / case studies to use. Also, remember what options we are doing – for example **we are NOT studying glaciation, food or energy.**

What now?

1. Organise yourself and your notes, anything missing? Have you got the revision guides?
2. Organise a revision timetable for your geography (and plan in treats for yourself – things to look forward to! Getting a healthy balance between revision and time for yourself is important)
3. Get cracking with / continue your revision!
4. Practice past questions to develop exam technique
5. Learn from where you have gone wrong in the past (have a growth mindset) – reflect on the feedback from your mocks.
6. Be **pro-active** and seek help when needed – we WANT to help you – we are here to help you!
7. Take responsibility for your learning – do you still need to finish your low control work. This is now down to YOU it is your responsibility – you only need to ask if help is required.

What revision support is available to you apart from the online materials?

(i) ***After School Revision Programme (Timetable attached)***

Having made a start on the revision process for your mocks, it is important that you now plan an achievable revision timetable for your final exams. To help you, we are offering weekly afterschool revision sessions starting on Monday's from 14th January focusing on how to apply key ideas and concepts to questions. Example questions, suggested model answers and mark schemes will all be used. A timetable of these sessions with details of dates, topics and staffing is included below. **You could use this to structure your revision at home – following up each revision session with your own revision on that topic.**

(ii) **Geography Homework from January – May**


Your teachers will be setting you practice questions for homework (initially practice questions for the human – unit 2 exam) and you will be completing practice papers for all units. It is **ESSENTIAL** that you keep up-to-date with homework as practicing exam technique is one of the key areas for development for everyone that has become clear from the mock exams. You need to be establishing your own homework schedule

(iii) Geography Clinics

Remember geography staff are available every Friday lunchtime in N16 the room is open for you to work or revise, alone or in small groups or simply seek help and advice from staff. You can of course seek help from your geography teacher at any time.

Don't forget – it won't be easy... but it WILL be worth it!

We wish you the best of luck with your exams – revise hard and then enjoy the summer!



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Year 11 Geography After School Revision Programme

The Geography Department are running fortnightly exam technique revision sessions to help you work towards your target grades on Monday's after school from February - May.

We would like to strongly encourage as many of you as possible to attend. The onus is on **YOU** to be revising and learning content, however the key to success is then being able to apply this and we will be helping you develop your exam technique in relation to questions during the afterschool sessions.

Opposite is the revision programme setting out details of the date, location and focus for each session.

Date	Topic / Focus	Staff
14 th January	Tectonic & Weather Hazards	Cb (N16) and Re (N15)
21 st January	Climate Change	Cb (N16) and Yo (N13)
28 th January	Physical Landscapes / Coasts	Cb (N16) and Nn (N19)
4 th February	Rivers	Cb (N16) and Fh (N17)
11 th February	Ecosystems & Rainforests	Cb (N16) and Re (N15)
25 th February	Deserts & Desertification	Cb (N16) and Yo (N13)
4 th March	Rapid Urban Growth – Nigeria	Cb (N16) and Nn (N19)
11 th March	Rapid Urban Growth - London	Cb (N16) and We (N17)
18 th March	Development	Cb (N16) and Re (N15)
25 th March	Rapid Economic Growth – Nigeria	Yo (N13) and We (N17)
1 st April	The UK's Changing Economy	Cb (N16) and Re (N15)
22 nd April	Resource Management – UK	Cb (N16) and Nn (N19)
29 th April	Water – Global Demand	Cb (N16) and Yo (N13)
13 th May	Skills – Unfamiliar / Familiar Fieldwork and Decision-Making Exercise	Cb (N16) and We (N19)
Just in time Revision Sessions will also be planned – details of which will be made available nearer the time.		
21 st May 2019 - Unit 1 Living with the Physical Environment (pm) 1hr 30		
5 th June 2019 – Unit 2 Living with the Human Environment (pm) 1hr 30		
13 th June 2019 – Geographical Applications paper (am) 1hr 15		