



## **Parents' Guide to Preparing for Examinations in GCSE Geography (2026)**

Geography is assessed by three written examination papers, and it is important that students and families are aware of the key dates and expectations so that revision and preparation can be well planned.

### **What the Exam Covers:**

- **Paper 1: Living with the Physical Environment.**

The first exam will take place on **Wednesday 13th May 2026 in the morning** and will last for 1 hour 30 minutes.

- Natural Hazards (tectonics, weather, climate change)
- Ecosystems (**rainforests, hot deserts**, cold environments)
- Physical Landscapes in the UK (rivers, coasts)

- **Paper 2: Challenges in the Human Environment**

The second exam, **Paper 2: Challenges in the Human Environment**, will take place on **Wednesday 3rd June 2026 in the afternoon**, again lasting 1 hour 30 minutes.

- Urban Issues and Challenges
- The Changing Economic World
- The Challenge of Resource Management (focus on food, **water**, or energy)

- **Paper 3: Geographical Applications**

The final exam, **Paper 3: Geographical Applications**, will take place on **Thursday 11th June 2026 in the morning** and will also be 1 hour 30 minutes. This third paper will be based partly on a pre-release booklet provided by AQA, which students will have access to before the exam.

- Issue Evaluation (based on a pre-release booklet)
- Fieldwork (2 studies: one human, one physical)

### **Practical Revision Tips**

In preparation for these exams, students should aim to revise little and often. Key areas to focus on include learning case studies in detail, revising important geographical terms, and practising past exam questions to build confidence with command words such as “describe”, “explain” and “evaluate”. It is particularly important that students can recall specific examples and explain both causes and effects, as well as responses to geographical issues. We also encourage students to practise interpreting maps, graphs and diagrams, as these skills are assessed across all three papers.

### **Available Resources**

At St Anthony's, the Geography Department has provided a wide range of resources to support revision. These can be found on the **Geography Teams drive**, including revision booklets, practice questions, and knowledge organisers for each topic. We strongly encourage students to make full use of these resources alongside their own revision materials.

As always, we greatly value your support in helping your child prepare for these important exams. Encouraging regular revision sessions, asking them to explain topics in their own words, and ensuring they have a quiet space to work will make a big difference in building both confidence and knowledge. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Geography Department.