

Geography

GCSE Controlled Assessment

Details of assessment tasks and the level of control can be found within individual GCSE subject specifications:-

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GCSE Assessment 2010 -2012

Exam Only	Controlled Assessment and Exam	Controlled Assessment and Exam	Coursework and Exam
100% External Examination	75% External Examination 25% Controlled Assessment	40% External Examination 60% Controlled Assessment	Subjects comprising External Examinations and Coursework
Economics Mathematics Religious Studies Additional Maths	Business Studies English Literature Geography History	Art and Design English Language French German Home Economics ICT Journalism LLW Music Physical Education Spanish Technology and Design	Biology Chemistry Physics

Controlled Assessment Tasks

	Task 1 (There will be only one task in Geography)
Details of Task	The task will take the form of an investigative study of the Colin River and will test several hypotheses. Initial planning will be followed by fieldwork in the third term of Y11. Thereafter a report will be written to include an introduction, presentation of results, analysis and interpretation of results and a conclusion and evaluation. The report will be produced under teacher supervision; appendices will be included with evidence of both the initial planning and fieldwork which preceded the writing of the report.
Word limit	2000 words
Amount of time for Task Taking (1 st Stage)	This involves planning (no specified time allocation), fieldwork (up to 6 hours) and the initial section of the report i.e. introduction and data presentation (up to 12 hours).
Period allocation for Task Taking (1 st Stage)	Planning will require several periods during normal timetabled classes; fieldwork will be a day out of school. This will take place in term 3 of Y11.

Venues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography classroom • Fieldwork location (Colin Glen, Belfast)
Amount of time for Task Taking (2 nd Stage)	This involves completing the report i.e. analysis, interpretation, conclusion and evaluation; this must be done within a 6 hour time frame.
Period allocation for Task Taking (2 nd Stage)	This may be done during September of Y12 during normal timetabled classes.
Venue	Geography classroom
Presentation e.g. handwritten using black ink	ICT will be used for data presentation. The first stage will be word processed; the second stage will be handwritten.

Dates of Controlled Assessment

	Yr11/12 Term 1,2,3	DATES			
		Task Taking (1 st Stage)	Task Taking (2 nd Stage)	Task Marking	Standardisation
Task 1	Y11 Term 3 & Y12 Term 1	May and June Y11	September Y12	Term 2	April