



ARMADALE ACADEMY

Higher Geography How to Pass Guide

for parents and carers

Exam breakdown and links to key SQA documents

- Exam Breakdown:

Paper 1 – Physical and Human Environments (1 hour 50 minutes)

- **Physical Environments - 50 marks:** Atmosphere, Hydrosphere, Lithosphere & Biosphere
- **Human Environments – 50 marks:** Urban, Rural & Population

Paper 2 – Global Issues and Application of Geographical Skills (50 minutes)

- **Global Issues – 20 marks:** Global Climate Change **or** Development and Health

- **Application of Geographical Skills (Map Question) – 20 marks**

- Past Papers: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47922.html>

- Understanding Standards: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47922.html>

Resources to support your child

External

- SQA Past Papers

Internal

- Higher Geography Teams Page – notes on all topics in Class Files
- Class notes issued for all elements of the course

Family Learning Area on School Website

Practical strategies to support your child

- Answering past paper exam questions and self-marking against the marking instructions - these are available from the SQA website
- Providing answers from past paper questions for your teacher to look at, mark and comment on.
- Stick post-it notes detailing key information around your room so that you can revise on the move.
- Record yourselves reading out your revision notes and listen to them while walking to school, in the car, on a bus.
- Mind map information on each topic.
- Use colour to code revision notes.
- Create flash-cards.
- Highlight areas where you are unsure and make sure these areas remain a key revision focus.
- Make a list of key words for each topic – memorise these words and what they mean.
- Make a list of examples for each topic and memorise these

How can you support your child?

- Help them to create a revision timetable so that revision isn't left until the last minute.
- Quiz your child on the material in their jotter / handouts after they have revised a particular topic.
- Get your child to teach you about a particular topic. Teaching others is a very effective way to learn information.