

Assessment Rationale for Year 13 Geography A-level

This year students will receive grades awarded and determined by teachers, with students only assessed on what they have been taught and based on the standard at which they are performing.

Teachers have been asked to draw on a range of evidence when determining grades, including the optional use of questions provided by exam boards, coursework, or other work completed as part of a student's course, such as essays or in-class tests.

The Process for awarding a Teacher Assessment Grade (TAG) for Geography A level

- At JM6, Geography A-level is taught by 2 experienced teachers.
- These teachers have taught Geography for a number of years across different specifications.
- With one member of staff previously working in a sixth form college.
- Geography has 3 externally assessed units and 1 NEA component.
- Throughout the course, the Geography department keeps records (brief summary – see PE example)
- Specification weighting of different components are considered when calculating performance.

TAG Grades 2021

- The range of evidence used ensures that all Assessment Objectives are covered. Furthermore, all syllabus components will be considered when calculating the TAG. The evidence used and weighting will be as follows:

Component	Expected Evidence	Type of Assessment	Approximate weighting of component	Overall weighting to final TAG
Component Paper 1 Written examination:	Physical Geography – Physical systems	Unseen Test	50%	30%
	Physical Geography - Coast	Unseen Test	50%	
Component Paper 2 Written examination:	Health, Human rights and intervention	Unseen Test	50%	30%
	Superpowers	Unseen Test	50%	
Component Paper 3 Written examination:	Resources paper extended writing essay.	Unseen Test	40%	15%
	Resources paper sorter answer questions.	Unseen Test	60%	
Component 4 Non-examined assessment	Individual NEA- complete in Jan 2021	Coursework	100%	20%
Component 5 Previous year assessment grade	Assessment sat in Year 12. Sun 2020	Completed assessment	100%	5%

Any relevant information

- Internal quality assurance processes will take place to ensure that judgements are standardised.
- Any access arrangements and individual needs will be considered.
- Exam board support materials and guidance will be used as part of the process of making grade judgements.
- All completed NEA course work will be taken into consideration.
- No component taught solely over online learning will be assessed.
- There is an equal weighting between physical and human Geography units.