

Parents' guide to controlled assessment – GEOGRAPHY

How much is it worth?	What has to be done?	
<p>Students complete one controlled assessment, an investigation based on data collected through fieldwork.</p> <p>Short Course – The Controlled Assessment is worth 50% of their final mark (and paper 1 makes up the other 50%)</p> <p>Full Course – The Controlled Assessment is worth 25% of their final mark (and paper 1 and paper 2 make up the other 75%)</p>	<p>Students must attend the geography fieldwork trip in May of Year 10 to collect their primary data for the controlled assessment. If students miss the fieldtrip for any reason they will only be able to access the lowest level in the methodology section on their investigation.</p> <p>Prior to the controlled assessment, teachers will have covered the key elements of the task during normal teaching lessons.</p> <p>Students have a maximum of 20 hours to complete the investigation during lesson time. 4 hours are allocated to research and 10 hours for the write up of their Introduction, Methodology and Data Presentation. During these 14 hours of 'limited control' the teacher will teach the students and help them produce the Introduction, Methodology and Presentation sections of their study. Students will be issued with a help sheet which explains exactly what is required as well as a copy of the marking criteria. During these lessons the teacher is able to give the students help and guidance but is not permitted, by the exam board, to mark or give any written feedback.</p> <p>The remaining 6 hours is for the data analysis, conclusion and evaluation sections of the investigation and is completed under the high level of control -exam conditions- <i>with no help from the teacher</i>. The teacher will however give guidance to students prior to completing this work.</p> <p>The teacher marks the completed investigation but is not allowed to return the work to the students.</p>	
When is it done?	Can parents help their children?	If the mark is low, can it be re-done or improved?
<p>The controlled assessment is started in May/June of Yr 10 and completed during September/October of Year 11.</p> <p>Short course students continue until the end of October/November.</p>	<p>All the written work has to be carried out under the direct supervision of the teacher in school. Parents can help by supporting their children, there is no reason why they cannot discuss the work with their children but no written work/books etc. can be brought into school from home.</p>	<p>Once the Controlled Assessment has been completed it cannot be redone or improved.</p> <p>It is vital that pupils attend all their Geography lessons whilst completing the Controlled Assessment so they do not miss out on time and vital information.</p> <p>It is also vital for their success that they participate and focus in each lesson and complete the tasks to the best of their ability.</p>