



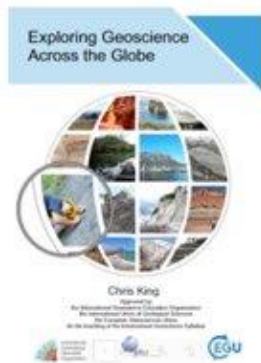
WIRRAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS

A Level Geology: Q&A

Q: Which exam board are we using?

A: Eduqas (formerly “WJEC”). You can find the specification on their [website](#).

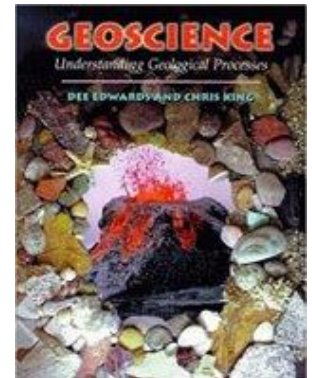
Q: Is there a revision guide?



A: Not an official one, but you will receive revision resources from your teacher. There is a very comprehensive online textbook (*Exploring Geoscience Across the Globe*), which you have free access to.

There are textbooks for the OCR course, which is very similar if you wish to purchase some material to help you.

Geoscience: Understanding Geological Processes is very comprehensive and can be found online for about £3-4 if you want a physical book.



Q: Do I need to have studied GCSE to do the A Level course?

A: No. Having studied GCSE geology will certainly help you a lot, but the “Fundamental Ideas” of geology will be revisited in your first year.

However, it’s worth asking yourself why you didn’t choose to study the GCSE course if the option was available to you. Are you really interested enough to study the subject for two years...?

Q: How is the A Level course different from the GCSE course?

A: The fundamental ideas: *minerals, rock-forming processes, tectonics, time and change* are still the same, but we explore them in more detail to better understand the scientific processes behind them. With a better understanding of these processes, we can make more detailed interpretations of the Earth’s past and its inner workings.

Q: How is geology different from geography?

A: As a science, geology involves the understanding the physical, chemical and biological processes in the Earth and drawing conclusions from our observations. It therefore will involve practical work and the use of mathematical skills (though A Level maths is not required).

Geography is considered more of a humanities subject and, therefore, deals more with how humans and societies interact with one another and the planet’s surface, water and atmosphere. However, there is quite a bit of overlap between the *physical* side of geography and geology.

Q: Who teaches the course?

A: For the 2022-2024 A Level, only Dr Hansen. Additional specialists may teach part of the course starting from 2023 entry.