

9th September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 10 GCSE Geography

The Geography Department would like to welcome your daughter on to the GCSE Geography course and hope that she finds the next two years both interesting and enjoyable.

We would recommend that your daughter purchases the textbook below which was written to accompany the course:

'AQA Geography' Widdowson (Et. Al.) Hodder Education (2016)
ISBN: 978-1-4718-5992-2.

We also recommend the revision book below to compliment the textbook:

'GCSE AQA Geography (For Grades 1-9)' ISBN: 978-1-78294-613-7.

Home learning will be set in accordance with the school policy. This suggests a maximum of four, 30 minute, pieces of work per fortnight. However, on occasion fewer longer pieces of work may be set. Deadlines for such pieces will be negotiated with the students. If no home learning is set it is expected that the students should conduct further reading around the subject or revise topics already completed.

The course is in three units all of which are assessed in the summer term of Year 11. Unit 1 is concerned with Physical Geography and Unit 2 concerned with Human Geography. Unit 3 takes the form of a geographical issue evaluation and questions based on the students' field work.

The data for the fieldwork element of Unit 3 will be collected on two compulsory day trips. The first will be to Wokingham on either 12th or 13th November 2019 depending on which class your daughter is in. There will be no charge for this trip. The second trip will be to Hurst Castle Spit on either the 6th or the 9th July 2020, again depending on which class your daughter is in. The cost of this trip has in past years been below £20. We also deliver 'write-up' days following each of these trips. These are on the 14th November 2019 for the trip to Wokingham and 10th July 2020 for the trip to Hurst Castle Spit. We would be most grateful if you could avoid making arrangements leading to the absence of your daughter on these days.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely



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