

January 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 13 Geography A-Level

Shortly before Christmas the Geography Department received updated information from AQA regarding the Non Examined Assessment which forms 20% of your daughter's A-Level Geography course. It was to meet the requirements of this assessment that we took your daughter to Swanage last summer. In light of further information we have received, we feel that the current amount of data that has been collected is insufficient to fully access the higher grades. We do not want our students to be disadvantaged in any way, therefore, we plan to run additional trips to enable further data collection. We have lodged our concerns with AQA regarding the lateness of this notification.

However, before we go on any of the trips, we have arranged a meeting with all Y13 geography students during Periods 1 and 2 on Monday 15th January 2018. The aim of this meeting is to take the students through the new resources provided by AQA which are designed to show how the Non Examined Assessment will be assessed. This will therefore give your daughter a better understanding of what she needs to do to gain the higher grades in this assessment. Attendance at this meeting is compulsory.

The first trip is back to Swanage. This is designed to aid the students who are conducting physical geography investigations. It will be on Wednesday 24th January 2018. We will leave school at 8:40am and return at 5pm. We will be using a mini bus and driver from First Choice Minibuses for transport.

The second and third trips will be to Wokingham and Reading, and are designed to aid the students who are conducting human geography investigations. Dates and times for these will be agreed with the students depending upon their requirements and timetables. We aim to cause as little disruption as possible.

Students will only be expected to attend the trip that is most appropriate to their NEA.

There will be no charge for any of these trips.

If you have any questions about any of this, please do contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely,



Tom Marrison.
Head of Geography