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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have enjoyed welcoming your child on to their GCSE course and look forward to their success in the future as they sit their GCSEs and hopefully join us for A-Levels! Geography is such a versatile subject and offers so many skills that employers really value as they are broad and transferrable. For more on why it is such a good subject to continue see [Royal Geographical Society - Why you should study geography: Employability \(rgs.org\)](http://www.rgs.org/Why-you-should-study-geography-Employability)

To ensure that your child optimises their time studying geography I would like to take this opportunity to signpost resources and reiterate the importance of routines such as the completion of homework and ensuring they have the correct 'ready to learn' equipment.

The specification which shows what we cover in this course can be found on the OCR website or by following this link. This will allow students to be confident that they have covered everything, and if they have been absent through illness they can see what they have missed to ask their teacher and make notes at home to support their learning.

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/207306-specification-accredited-gcse-geography-a-j383.pdf>

There are also platforms that make past papers available to students, which they might find helpful in their preparation for mock exams. They have the added bonus of providing the mark schemes, which contain model answers thus allowing students to see what good answers look like as they go through. An example of this type of site is: [OCR GCSE Geography Past Papers - Revision World](http://www.revisionworld.com/ocr-gcse-geography-past-papers)

In addition to this, some of the revision sites like 'quizlet' and 'seneca' offer revision of some of the topics we study.

You may source paper-based revision materials such as OCR GCSE (9-1) Workbook Geography A by M. Fox, which accompanies the revision guide OCR GCSE (9-1) Geography A 2nd edition by S. Ross et al. from sites such as Amazon. These are good as they are course specific and offer exam style questions too.

On our school system, under the student shared area, in Geography KS4 there are also revision resources. Some of which may be set as homework during the course. We do expect these to be completed to the best of your child's ability as it is our experience that students that revise little and often tend to do better overall.

Our expectation in the geography department is that students taking this subject will be eager to engage in their learning and so will be fully involved in the classroom and in completing class and homework on time and to the best of their ability. This is something that so far, we have seen across our classes and your child should be proud of the start they have made. We also expect students to bring calculators, rulers, pencils and pens to geography lessons as these are all pieces of equipment which may be required in their exam, therefore ones we might use in any given lesson.



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As we go through the course there will be trips. Some of these will be in school time, others will be further afield. It is our hope that the enrichment trips will be enjoyed and that those that are necessary for the course will be attended. Currently across the GCSE we visit Oundle for local trips, Hunstanton and Kew gardens.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that we work together to allow your child to achieve their potential.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna Mayes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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