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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have enjoyed welcoming your child back to their GCSE courses and look forward to their success at the end of this academic year. To support them reaching their potential we have outlined some resources and important information below:

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. Sites like these include: [OCR GCSE Geography Past Papers - Revision World](#)

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 will be set as homework during the course. We do expect these to be completed and handed in at points as it is our experience that students that revise little and often tend to do better overall. Another useful resource that will find there are retrieval style questions for every topic area we teach, by converting these to flash cards using their books or revision guides, students should be guided to have visited each part of the course.

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 and bringing equipment such as calculators, rulers, pencils and pens to geography lessons as these are all pieces of equipment which may be required in their exam, therefore ones that we might use in any given lesson.

This needs to continue into Year 11, as it is a busy, and at times, stressful year as students push towards their mocks and ultimately final exams. Although there is a lot of work the benefits at the end of the year should make the consistent effort worth it.



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We will be offering revision sessions throughout the year and will advertise those happening during lunch time directly to students and those occurring after school to both students, and yourselves. In terms of immediate information for your consideration, please find below the topics and lengths for the upcoming mock period.

Paper 1	Paper 2
1 hour- Physical Landscapes of the UK, UK Environmental Challenges and Ecosystems of the World	1.5 hours- full Skills Paper including a reflection on fieldwork

Following this, the next mock will cover:

Paper 1	Paper 2
1 hour- People of the UK, People of the Planet and Ecosystems of the World	1.5 hours- full Skills Paper including a reflection on fieldwork

This will ensure that all summer Paper 1 topics and the first Paper 2 topic have been assessed under exam conditions at least twice, one Paper 2 topics has been assessed once and the final topic which will be taught in the Spring term will be being assessed in class. It will also provide opportunities for Paper 3 to be fully prepared for as this is where the greatest level of critical thinking needs to occur.

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".

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