

1st September 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Geography Department would like to welcome your son/daughter onto their AS course. I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know how your son/daughter can be supported over the next two years. The Geography AS course follows the AQA A specification and consists of four topics in the Unit 1 Exam and two topics in the Unit 2 Exam:

- Rivers, Floods and Management
- Population Change
- Coastal Environments
- Health Issues
- Geographical Skills (Unit 2 Exam)
- Fieldwork (Unit 2 Exam)

As a department we regularly use past exam paper questions to assess our students and consolidate their learning for each topic. We also frequently set past exam paper questions as homework. AS Level Geography students find exam practice to be one of the most effective ways to revise and improve their exam technique and subject knowledge in order to reach their target grade. The Geography Department would like you to contribute £5 towards the cost of 5 past exam paper packs. Please could this payment be paid to the Academy Office by Friday 25th September; we can then issue the packs to students and start using them on a frequent basis both in class and at home.

An AQA revision guide is also available to purchase for the discounted cost of £6. We will not use this in class but students can keep them at home to help them revise topics and there are questions for each topic which they can complete as part of their revision. The revision guide will also enable them to read around the topic to develop their understanding and it is a great tool for you as parents/guardians to use to help support your child. If you would like your son/daughter to benefit from having a revision guide to support them further, you can also hand this payment to the Academy Office by Friday 25th September.

I will also be sending information shortly regarding the residential fieldtrip in February which will prepare students for their Unit 2 Exam.

If you would like to see past exam papers and mark schemes, these are available from the AQA website:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-2030/past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

Please select Geography (2030) in the specification.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Armitstead
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