

1st September 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Geography Department would like to welcome your son/daughter onto their A Level course. I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know how your son/daughter can be supported over the next year. The Geography A Level course follows the AQA syllabus and the course consists of two units: Unit 3 and Unit 4B. Unit 3 is worth 30% of their A Level and involves the study of three units;

- Contemporary Conflicts and Challenges
- Weather and Climate and Associated Hazards
- Development and Globalisation

Unit 4B is worth 20% of their A level and is a Geographical Issue Evaluation that involves an exam based on material pre-released on the 1st April 2016.

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. A 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 £6 towards the cost of the two past exam paper packs which will cover the Unit 3 and Unit 4B exams. 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 available to purchase for the discounted cost of £5. 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.

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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