

1st September 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Geography Department would like to welcome your son/daughter onto their GCSE course. I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know how your son/daughter can be supported at the beginning of their GCSE course. Although there are changes to the GCSE, we are continuing to follow the AQA exam specification which now consists of the following six topics:

Living with the physical environment

- The Living World
- The Challenge of Natural Hazards
- Physical Landscapes in the UK

Challenges in the human environment

- Urban Issues and Challenges
- The Changing Economic World
- The Challenge of Resource Management

As a department we regularly use End of Unit Tests and End of Year Exams to assess students' progress. We also frequently set GCSE exam questions and revision as homework to consolidate students learning. GCSE Geography students find using the revision guide one of the most effective ways to revise and improve their subject knowledge to be able to reach their target grade. The Geography Department would like you to contribute £3 towards the cost of an AQA revision guide to support your son's/daughter's learning at the beginning of their GCSE course. This revision guide will enable your son/daughter to revise for the End of Unit Tests and End of Year Exam that they will sit in the upcoming year. It 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.

Payment for the revision guide should be paid to the Academy office by Friday 25th September so we can start issuing the revision guides in time for the first End of Unit Test.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Armitstead
Subject Leader for Geography