

27th March 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

GCSE Geography pre-release material preparation

We hope that as the year draws to an end your son/daughter has enjoyed the challenge of their GCSEs and they are starting to feel more prepared for the up and coming exams which are only 8 weeks away as I write this! I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support throughout these two years of your child's studies and over the coming few weeks with the final preparations approaching. I am writing to you with regards to **Unit 3 Geographical applications** which is worth 30% of your son/daughters geography GCSE. This paper takes the form of an issue evaluation in which pre-release material is given in advance of the exam and the pupils can prepare in Section A, general geographical skills in Section B and their human and physical field work in Section C.

In order to ensure that pupils have the best possible chance to achieve their potential there will be an extended afternoon session to explore the pre-release material. This will be a compulsory session that your son/daughter will need to attend. This session will take place on **Thursday 25th April from 12.20- 4.30pm**. If your child would normally catch a bus home alternative arrangements may need to be made to collect your child.

Please be advised that these are live assessment materials for the 2019 exams series.

Students are not permitted to:

- Share these materials on any social media or public website
- Email copies to anyone who is not a student sitting the exam
- Create and share resources publically that contain information lifted from the materials.

Students should only use the hard copy issued to them.

I would also like to inform you we are continuing to run our revision sessions that started back in December. The focus for these has shifted from a 'drop in' support session to more teacher led revision sessions. The remainder of the schedule can be found below:

Monday 25 th March	Changing economic world	VB
Monday 1 st April	UK physical landscapes rivers	EJC
Tuesday 23 rd April	UK physical landscapes Glaciation	NMS
Monday 29 th April	Field work	NMS
Tuesday 7 th May	Geographical skills	JWP

During study leave

Paper 1 exam	21/5/19 (pm) PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY – Living with the physical environment EXAM (PAPER 1) 1 hour 30 mins	Drop in 21 st May 11.20-12.20= EJC+AJN 7A4/7A5 12.20-1.20= NMS 7A4
Paper 2 exam	5/6/19 (pm) HUMAN GEOGRAPHY- Challenges in the human environment EXAM (PAPER 2) 1 hour 30 mins	Drop in day before exam Tuesday 4 th June after school NMS 2.15-3.15pm JWP- 3.15-4.35pm
Paper 3 exam	13/6/19 (am) GEOGRAPHICAL APPLICATIONS and skills exam (PAPER 3) 1 hour 15 mins	Breakfast before school drop in 7.30am NMS 7A4

The importance of starting revision early is clear and so we hope you will continue to encourage your child to attend these. We have also provided your son/daughter with a comprehensive revision schedule giving a guide of what they could revise between January up until the exam in order to revise all of the content in a manageable time scale. A copy of this can be found on the geography VLE page.

Pupil's books should have more than enough detail to revise from. However, to assist further I have provided a list of good websites below that your son/daughter may find useful to help them revise:

- SENECA learning
<https://www.senecalearning.com/>
- <https://www.bbc.com/education/subjects/zkw76sg>
Make sure you choose AQA
- <https://studywise.co.uk/gcse-revision/geography/>
Make sure you choose AQA
- <http://www.coolgeography.co.uk/>
Choose GCSE on the tab at the top and choose the unit you want to revise
- Social media – Instagram - follow Geography_Cat- 5 a day- 5 hints, facts, definitions, diagrams, questions and motivation every day until the exams
- <https://www.internetgeography.net/gcse-geography-revision/>
Some tips on how to revise
- <https://www.internetgeography.net/quizzes/>
Some relevant quizzes for topics we have studied- choose the right ones

Throughout the past two years and most recently all pupils will also have received a pack of revision materials consisting of some extra past paper questions and lots of hints and tips before their exam.

Finally I would like to thank you for your continued support of the department, there is no doubt that it made a positive contribution to your child's success.

If you have any questions about this then please feel free to contact Mrs Lambert-Masters for more information.

Yours sincerely



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