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Dear Parents

Geography A-Level

With such an important two years ahead I wanted to ensure that you have all the relevant details should you need to discuss your child's progress with a member of the Geography Department. The list below shows the class teacher and their contact information.

12BGg – Miss Aylmer (l.aylmer@tgsch.uk) and Mrs Walker (j.walker@tgsch.uk)

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Last year saw the start of the new linear A-Level for Geography; we are studying the AQA Specification. We will have a class set of books to be used within lesson time, however we know that students like to highlight and annotate their own copies so the book we will be using is below.

AQA A-Level Geography for A-level and AS Fourth Edition – Skinner, Abbiss, Banks, Fyfe and Whittaker.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-level-Geography-Fourth-Whittaker/dp/1471858693>

Below is a selection of AQA approved revision resources that students may also find useful:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/New-Level-Geography-Complete-Revision/dp/1782946470/ref=pd_sim_14_5/261-0198212-1211774?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=MWGGAY11XR5WWCS63GHV

https://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-level-Geography-Student-Guide/dp/1471864049/ref=pd_sim_14_6?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=RA0140JPJXYBTDYPRN1Z

https://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-Level-Geography-Student-Guide/dp/1471864030/ref=pd_sim_14_1?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=0TGSCD8R99Q8SHRY5FY5

Fieldwork

As part of the A-Level course we need to ensure that students carry out both Human and Physical fieldwork. Two local days will take place one on Friday 22 March the other TBC, more information regarding these days will be sent out to you nearer the time.

It is also my intention to run an optional field visit to Barcelona between Thursday 12 and Sunday 15 July 2018. Four days of concentrated study focussing on a single subject and led by staff with many years of fieldwork experience offers each student an invaluable opportunity. To be basing this work in another country adds to the benefits which will be drawn from the experience. 20% of the overall full A Level is based upon a written report similar to the GCSE Controlled Assessment element. The work undertaken will allow students to focus their report on an aspect of the visit that interests them. This visit will only be relevant for student studying the full 2 year A-Level.

This is **not** a compulsory visit for the course; there will be other local opportunities to carry out fieldwork across the two year course. Students will be able to base their independent projects around these days; students choosing not to take part will not be at a disadvantage in any way and will be fully supported.

The total cost for the visit will be in the region of £650. This covers the basic cost of accommodation, food, the use of the centre and its teachers travel to and from Spain, supply cover for staff absence as well as some recreational activities whilst we are there. I cannot be sure at this stage of the exact cost, as we will only know the price of the air tickets when we purchase them. The facilities are excellent for our purposes, with comfortable accommodation and a room of our own for preparatory work and follow-up work. The main thrust of the teaching during the day will be taken by experienced staff based at the centre.

Please log on to ParentPay and pay the deposit of £100 (ticking the consent box) by Friday 6 October, this will enable me to see if the visit is viable and also book the air tickets at a competitive price. Further deposits will be due at a later date. If you have any queries at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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