



Tadcaster Grammar School

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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.

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We are studying the AQA Specification (first teaching 2016). 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 revision guide that students in previous years have also found useful.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/New-Level-Geography-Complete-Revision/dp/1782946489/ref=pd_lpo_sbs_14_img_0/259-1141200-9717166?encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=A5TZDWX9XHX2KHOST72B

Independent Study

Year 12 students will have Independent Study hours on their timetable for each A-Level subject. Students have been given guidance on how to spend this time. This time is best spent consolidating learning in the classroom and carrying out additional reading around topics covered in the classroom, it is not a time to just complete homework set. Students Independent work will be checked on a regular basis to ensure that it is being carried out to a good standard.

As part of this I would like students to ensure they are keeping up to date with worldwide issues that link directly to the key topics we are covering. Therefore please can I ask that you purchase a cheap scrapbook/sketch book that students can use to print out news articles/stories to stick in which students can then annotate with their ideas/links to areas of study? These can be bought cheaply from stationary shops as well as Amazon.

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Fieldwork

As part of the A-Level course we need to ensure that students carry out both Human and Physical fieldwork. We will organise one local day in Tadcaster and a residential visit between Wednesday 10 July to Friday 12 July 2019 (awaiting confirmation of dates). Last year we used the Field Studies Centre in Cumbria, this was a very successful and well run visit so it is my intention to run the same visit again. The cost would include travel, accommodation, meals, the use of the field centres staff and equipment as well as some recreational activities whilst we are there. The work carried out would be used to write their Non Examined Assessment which is worth 20% of their overall A-Level grade.

This is **not** a compulsory part of the course as students will have the opportunity to base their projects on local fieldwork. If there is not sufficient interest then I will look at running day visits in the local area.

If you are interested in your child attending the visit please log onto ParentPay and pay the deposit of £50 (ticking the consent box) by Friday 12 October.

If you have any questions regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your sincerely

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