



Tring School

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Dear Parent/Carer

As your child is currently starting their GCSE Geography course, I wanted to get in touch and share some information with you.

As you are probably already aware, the GCSE is with the exam board AQA and is 100% examination with no controlled assessment, there are **3 papers** that students will take in the Summer of Year 11:

Paper 1: Living with the physical environment, 35% of GCSE, 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment, 35% of GCSE, 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Paper 3: Geographical applications, 30% of GCSE, 1 hour and 15 minutes.

The **topics** we will cover are below, the number in brackets indicates the order in which they will be taught:

Paper 1: Natural hazards (2); The living world (5) and Physical landscapes in the UK (3)

Paper 2: Urban issues & challenges (1); The changing economic world (6) and Resource management (4)

Paper 3: Fieldwork and geographical skills. (Throughout the topics)

As part of the course students have to complete a minimum of two hours of **fieldwork** which is signed off by the school for the exam board. Normally in October we take students into London to Islington to complete their day of human fieldwork during the Extended Learning Day and in July we complete the physical fieldwork at the River Chess. Obviously due to the current situation we will look at dates and trips when school is returned to normal.

During the course all students have access to an online Kerboodle **textbook** and there is no requirement for students to buy any additional books. However, if they would like one at home to support their learning, the following are recommended:

The published version of our online Kerboodle book is by Oxford University Press (ISBN: 978-019836661) [Web link](#)

There is also a good textbook published by Hodder (ISBN: 978-1471859922) [Amazon Link](#).

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We have produced a newsletter with information on the course, what students will be studying this term and how you can support. Please click on this [link](#) to view.

Throughout the course, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the classroom teacher or myself if you have any concerns or queries.

Kind regards,

Mrs L Jones

Subject leader for Geography