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### ***GCSE Geography Advice for our Year 11 Students***

Dear Student,

#### **Reflecting on your mock exams**

Having now completed your mock exams you will have gone through the important process of reviewing your papers, looking at mark schemes and model answers and noting corrections. Based on this you should now have identified key areas to work on to improve your grades further and we would encourage you to seek advice from your teachers if there is anything you now feel they need further help with. Remember, the most important thing now is not the grade you got but what you have gained from the experience and how you are now going to learn from mistakes and prepare thoroughly for the final exams.

#### **What is already available for you?**

- **Your exercise books!** If you have kept up-to-date with class notes you have all the content you need to revise and learn.
- **Schoology** – remember all the PowerPoints from lessons are available on your GCSE Schoology page so you can use those in revision or use them to catch up with any missed notes. [www.schoology.com](http://www.schoology.com) (see your teacher for the access code if you are not already on it).
- **BBC Bitesize GCSE Geography AQA** <https://www.bbc.com/education/examspecs/zy3ptyc>
- **Friday GCSE Clinic** – lunchtime – Nn/Cb in N16
- **GCSE Pod** ([www.gcsepod.com](http://www.gcsepod.com)) – further details of this will be given to you shortly
- **PiXL Geography App** – further details to come shortly.
- **Fortnightly Afterschool Exam technique revision classes** (see revision schedule at end of letter).
- **Twitter @StIvoGeography** – used to remind you of key ideas / relevant information and from March onwards – revision specific tweets.
- **Facebook (St Ivo Geography Department)** – reminder of revision links and from March onwards – revision specific posts.
- **Case Study / Examples summary booklet** will be available after February half term to download as a .pdf

## Revision Guides?

There are some good commercial revision guides you can buy for between £5-£10 – remember these will help you revise the key geographical concepts but you should be making good use of your books for the specific examples / case studies to use. Also, remember what options we are doing – for example we are **NOT** studying glaciation, food or energy.

## What now?

1. Organise yourself and your notes, anything missing? Have you got the revision guides?
2. Organise a revision timetable for your geography (and plan in treats for yourself – things to look forward to! Getting a healthy balance between revision and time for yourself is important)
3. Get cracking with / continue your revision!
4. Practice past questions to develop exam technique
5. Learn from where you have gone wrong in the past (have a growth mindset) – reflect on the feedback from your mocks.
6. Be **pro-active** and seek help when needed – we WANT to help you – we are here to help you!
7. Take responsibility for your learning – do you still need to finish your low control work. This is now down to YOU it is your responsibility – you only need to ask if help is required.

## What revision support is available to you apart from the online materials?

### (i) **After School Revision Programme (Timetable attached)**

Having made a start on the revision process for your mocks, it is important that you now plan an achievable revision timetable for your final exams. To help you, we are offering fortnightly afterschool revision sessions starting on Wednesday's after half term focusing on how to apply key ideas and concepts to questions. Example questions, suggested model answers and mark schemes will all be used. A timetable of these sessions with details of dates, topics and staffing is included below. **The onus is on YOU to learn and revise content at home though, whilst inevitably we will be revisiting some key concepts this will be in the context of applying to exam questions.**

Date	Topic / Focus	Staff
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Natural Hazards	Cb (N16) / Yo (N13)
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Ecosystems	Nn (N19) / We (N17)
01 March	Coasts and Rivers	Re (N15) / Cb (N16)
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Urban Change	Cb (N16) / Re (N15)
29 <sup>th</sup> March (lunchtime)	Economic Development	Nn (N19) / Yo (N13)
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Resource Management	Cb (N16) / Re (N15)
3rd May	Decision Making	We (N17) / Yo (N13)
<b>22nd May 2018 - Unit 1 Living with the Physical Environment (pm) 1hr 30</b>		
<b>5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Unit 2 Living with the Human Environment (pm) 1hr 30</b>		
<b>11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Geographical Applications paper (pm) 1hr 15</b>		

**(iii) Geography Homework from February – May**

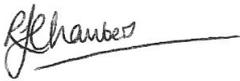
Your teachers will be setting you practice questions for homework and you will be completing another set of practice papers for all units. It is ESSENTIAL that you keep up-to-date with homework as practicing exam technique is one of the key areas for development for everyone that has become clear from the mock exams. You need to be establishing your own homework schedule

**(iv) Geography Clinics**

Remember staff are available every Friday lunchtime in N16 the room is open for you to work or revise, alone or in small groups or simply seek help and advice from staff.

**Don't forget – it won't be easy... but it WILL be worth it!**

We wish you the best of luck with your exams – revise hard and then enjoy the summer!



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