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YEAR 11 - GCSE GEOGRAPHY REVISION FEBRUARY - JUNE 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

Reflecting on the mock exams

Having now completed their mock exams, students have gone through the important process of reviewing their papers, looking at mark schemes, model answers and noting corrections. Based on this they should have identified key areas to work on to improve grades further and we would encourage students to seek advice from their teachers if there is anything they now feel they need further help with. Some students have learnt valuable lessons from the mock exams and thorough revision is now essential. Mock grades are all now available on Go4Schools so you can see whether your son/daughter was on, above or below target.

Revision Programme (Timetable attached)

Having made a start on this revision for their mocks, it is very important that students maintain this and continue to arrange their revision materials; identifying key topics and planning an achievable revision timetable for their final exams. The earlier students start, the better and ideally they should be building on the revision preparation they did for the mocks. As well as providing some advice and guidance for students on revising independently, the department will also be offering a 10 week programme of revision sessions starting on Wednesday's after half term.

Each session has a different topic focus with an emphasis on applying these to exam questions. Past questions, model answers and mark schemes will all be an integral part of these sessions. A timetable of the sessions with details of dates, topics and staffing has been included with this mailing for your reference. A Foundation and Higher session is being offered to tailor the support given.

Revision Guides

I would also like to remind you that if students haven't already purchased revision guides for their mock exams we have produced our own bespoke revision guides for all 3 units with summary notes, glossaries and case study summaries specific to our GCSE Geography curriculum at St Ivo. These revision guides (for Unit 2 and 3) are available from the Business Centre for £6 for the two (covering reprographic costs) and students may also wish to also access the revision resources available on the geography department blog www.geobytesgcse.wordpress.com which has a range of downloadable resources.

Geography Homework from February – May (Homework timetable attached)

All students will be given a past papers booklet before February half term. This contains 3 years worth of past papers broken up into the different topics to help with focused revision practice. Further past papers can be downloaded from the Edexcel website and are also all saved in the GCSE Schoology course which many students have signed up to.

Students are now at a crucial stage of their course when they need to be combining revision with the development exam technique. From now until they leave, students will have a weekly homework based on the past papers booklet

they have been issued with. The weekly homework will consist of a practice question for a topic each week (linked to the revision programme). When completing the homework, we would encourage students to remember the lessons learnt from their mock exam, for example, reading all parts of a question, identifying command words, defining key terms fully and making good use of PSD (place specific detail) in case study questions.

The deadline will be set by the teacher (as each group is taught at different times) but the question will be the same for all students (if for any reason there has to be a change, this will be noted on Go4Schools). Please find attached a homework timetable identifying the topic and question to be completed each week for your information.

Online Revision materials

1. Revision Advice and Strategies for students can be found [here](#).
2. www.geobytesgcse.wordpress.com (frequently updated over the exam period with advice and already contains many online resources to support students with revision including:
 - **Revision Cards** – for most topics there approx 50 revision cards enabling students to test each other / involve family and friends in the revision process.
 - Interactive Past Papers(enabling students to mark their own answers and learn from advice and model answers provided
 - Interactive Quizzes
 - Podcasts supporting some topic areas
 - Self-Check Sheets - enabling students to print extra copies to support revision
3. [@StIvoGeography](#) - GeoTweet Revision - 'bitesize' revision some are already available on the GeoBytes blog and others will take place live over the revision period - details of which will be given via twitter / [facebook](#) / the blog and the department website www.geobytes.org.uk

Geography Clinics

In addition to the revision programme, the department run a KS4 Geography Clinic on a Friday lunchtime in N16 - this is open to any students from Year 10-11. The room is open for students to work or revise, alone or in small groups, and there is always a member of staff on hand to answer any questions / concerns students have. During the revision period, students with any questions or whom need help with particular aspects of the course are welcome to come along and speak to staff during this time.

If you have any questions or concerns about your son/daughters' grades or progress please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughters' geography teacher.

Kind regards,

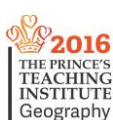


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February - May 2017

Year 11 Geography After School Revision Programme



The Geography Department are running a comprehensive revision programme to support Year 11 Geographers in working towards their target grades. We are running an afterschool programme on Wednesday's after school from February - May. We would like to strongly encourage as many students as possible to attend. To provide support tailored to each level there will be higher and foundation classes offered. **Students should bring their revision guides.** Below is the revision programme setting out details of the date, location and focus for each session.

Wednesday's Afterschool - 3.10 - 4.15pm			Staff and Room <i>(Staffing is provisional at this stage - to be confirmed)</i>	
Week	Date	Topic Revision	Higher Revision	Foundation Revision
FEBRUARY HALF TERM				
1	<i>Weds 22nd February</i>	Population	Cb - N16 Nn - N19	We - N17
2	<i>Weds 1st March</i>	Tourism	Cb - N16 Re - N15	Mb - N21
3	<i>Weds 8th March</i>	Settlement	Cb - N16 Nn - N19	Re - N15
4	<i>Weds 15th March</i>	Economic Change	Yo - N16 We - N17	Mb - N21
5	<i>Weds 22nd March</i>	Tectonics	Cb - N16 Re - N15	We - N17
6.	<i>Weds 29th March</i>	Coasts	Cb - N16 Yo - N13	Mb - N21
EASTER HOLIDAYS				
7.	<i>Weds 19th April</i>	Rivers	Cb - N16 Nn - N19	Re - N15
8.	<i>Weds 26th April</i>	Watery World	Cb - N16 Yo - N13	We - N17
9.	<i>Weds 3rd May</i>	Challenges to the Planet	Cb - N16 Re - N15	Mb - N21
10	<i>Weds 10th May</i>	Geographical Skills	Cb - N16 Nn - N19	Yo - N17
11	<i>Weds 17th May</i>	Using Case Studies in Exams	Staff to be confirmed	Staff to be confirmed
12	<i>Weds 24th May</i>	Optional Drop in Support	Staff to be confirmed	Staff to be confirmed
Monday 22nd May - Unit 1 Exam - Geographical Skills				
Tuesday 6th June - Unit 2 Exam - Natural Environments				
Monday 12th June - Unit 3 Exam - Human Environments				

Additional revision sessions will be put on after May Half Term before the Unit 2 and 3 Exam - the dates / venues for these final revision sessions will be confirmed nearer the time.

Year 11 Geography Homework Timetable Feb – May 2017



To best prepare for their exams, students should combine revision with the development of exam technique. Therefore, in line with the revision programme students will have a weekly homework of one exam question from the past paper booklet. The topic will match that of the week's revision session. Students should read all parts of a question, look at command words carefully, define key terms fully and make good use of PSD. In particular, they must ensure that they take on board any feedback given in class. **Each week's question should take 30 mins.**

By following the 10-week afterschool revision programme (which begins on Wednesday 22nd February (see timetable) taking a topic each week this should also help students structure their own revision outside of lessons.

We urge students to plan their time carefully and not to waste this opportunity to revise and practice exam technique. Failure to do homework will be noted on Go4Schools and consistent failure will result in a detention to do the questions missed.

Week Beginning	Homework	Date Due <i>(this will differ for each group depending on when taught - dates will be on Go4Schools)</i>
13th Feb	Half Term Homework (to be confirmed nearer the time)	
20th Feb	Population Change Question (Unit 3) - June 2012	
27th Feb	A Tourists World Question (Unit 3) - Jan 2013	
6th March	Settlement Change Question (Unit 3) - Jan 2013	
13th March	Economic Change Question (Unit 3) - June 2013	
20th March	Tectonic Landscapes Question (Unit 2) - June 2013	
27th March	Coastal Landscapes Question (Unit 2) - June 2013	
Unit 2 Natural Environments Past Paper (EASTER HOMEWORK) (Full Paper – 1hr 15 mins) – done as homework over half term.		
17th April	River Landscapes Question (Unit 2) - Jan 2012	
24th April	Watery World Question (Unit 2) - June 2012	
1st May	Challenges to the Planet Question (Unit 1) - June 2013	
8th May	Geographical Skills Question (Unit 1) - June 2013	
15th May	Case Study Questions - to be identified nearer the time (details on Go4Schools).	
For the last week - students can pick any exam questions they would like more practice on from the book for homework.		
Monday 22nd May – Unit 1 Exam – Geographical Skills		
JUNE HALF TERM		
Tuesday 6th June – Unit 2 Exam – Natural Environments		
Monday 12th June – Unit 3 Exam – Human Environments		

Students can obviously do as many past questions as they like from the booklets (there are more available on line) but they MUST keep up to date in completing those set for homework.