



RMS 11th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

For A-Level Geography students are expected to complete the NEA coursework (Non-examination assessment) which is worth 20% of their final grade. This is typically around 4,000 words (though it can be longer) and involves students investigating a title question of their choice by conducting wider reading before collecting, presenting and analysing data in order to draw logical conclusions and further their geographical understanding.

Due to the closure of school during the last academic year as a result of COVID-19 the Geography Department decided to delay the teaching of the NEA coursework until the situation settled. This was owing to the possibility of changes to the NEA structure by the exam board and the need to conduct personal fieldwork safely. Students were instead asked to research possible avenues for their projects over the summer so that they were ready to start their project in September.

Now students have returned to school we are making provision for the completion of the NEA and how we can best support students. We have decided that timetabled Geography lessons on Monday each week will be dedicated to their NEA. Students will receive class guidance upon starting each section of the project and will have quiet time to work on their coursework with the support of their peers and teachers (within exam board guidelines). They will also have to spend a significant amount of time outside of school on this coursework and therefore we have also decided to, wherever possible, not set topic-based homework throughout the Autumn term to allow students to focus their time on the NEA. We have therefore set a series of deadlines for students to meet and would be very grateful for your help in ensuring students meet them.

- 14th September - Final Project Proposal Form.
- 28th September- Literature Review.
- 12th October – Methodology.
- 2nd November - Data presentation.
- 23rd November - Analysis
- 7th December - Evaluation and conclusion.
- 6th January – Final Project in (this date may be amended depending on mock exams).

Thank you for your support in this matter. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours faithfully,
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