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Dear Parent/Carer,

The geography department are really pleased that **NAME** has chosen to study GCSE geography. We want to make sure that **NAME** achieves to the best of their ability, so it is essential that they always ensure maximum effort, keep attendance as high as possible and make sure homework is completed on time and to the expected level throughout the duration of the GCSE course.

The school website has a link to the geography SharePoint area which has a dedicated GCSE area for students. Within this, there are lesson PowerPoints, extra reading materials, links to revision websites and a range of other useful resources. **Students should use this regularly to help them review, revise, and catch up where necessary**.

A large part of the GCSE is focused on geographical skills. On the geography area of student SharePoint there is an electronic copy of a booklet which outlines all the geographical skills students will cover – they should use this to help with their work throughout the course. In addition to this there is a detailed knowledge organiser which gives concise notes on all aspects of their geography GCSE, including case study examples. Practise question booklets can also be downloaded from the student SharePoint area. These will help with consolidation of concepts, homework tasks and ongoing revision throughout the GCSE course.

GCSE - Home (sharepoint.com)

There will be two compulsory field visits that form part of the course. These are on the calendar as follows: Autumn (21st or 23rd November), when we will visit Sheffield city centre and Spring (4th or 5th June), when we will visit the Holderness coast. Further details of these visits will be published at a later date. Please note there will be a cost implication but we always aim to keep this to a minimum.

To help students prepare for the beginning of Y10, they have been directed to some summer learning activities. This has been issued to students on SharePoint with all the resources they need. The tasks are largely skills based but aim to give a grounding in some of the content and issues they will cover. Students can submit this work to their class teacher at the beginning of term in September.

If you have any concerns or questions throughout the time of the GCSE course, then please do not hesitate to contact me via the e-mail address shown below.

Yours faithfully,

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