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Dear Parents / Carers,

As part of their A-Level in Geography, students are required to complete fieldwork for their independent investigation/ non-examined assessment (NEA). In order for them to achieve this, we will be asking them to complete their fieldwork over the summer holidays.

Fieldwork will involve them going to their site of study to take photographs, do map work/sketches, interviews with the public and possibly interviews with experts that have been pre-arranged. We would like to emphasise the importance of them carrying out this fieldwork as part of a group or with yourselves to minimise risk. It is very important that the students are safe and not alone when they carry out their fieldwork.

Students should be mindful of any COVID restrictions, and keep abreast of any changes to restrictions that may implement their data collection. We have advised students to wear masks, minimise public contact where possible and maintain social distancing.

We would appreciate your support with this. We will be asking the students to complete a risk assessment before they conduct any fieldwork so we can assist in identifying and mitigating any risk.

To keep you informed about their progress through the NEA; the students have selected their titles and have started to design their methodologies and data collection strategies. The expectation is that students return to school in September with their data collected, and their introduction and methods completed.

The final deadline for completion of the NEA will be October half-term. The NEA does require a lot of drive and motivation from the students. It is a large and challenging task. Our students consistently perform exceptionally well in the NEA, and this has a large impact on their overall grade. The NEA is worth 20% of their overall A-level grade. So when times get tough, please do support them to keep motivated and engaged with the NEA. Effort and dedication now will go a long way towards their final A-level grade.

Your support in ensuring they conduct their fieldwork safely and remain up-to- date on their NEA would be appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries/concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Ms M Anderson
Head of Geography

