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SUBJECT: A-Level Geography **YEAR:** 12 and 13

HEAD OF DOMAIN: Mr M McCarthy

GROUPING POLICY: Option Groups - Mixed

COURSE CONTENT: Exam board = AQA Specification link:

http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/geography/specifications/AQA-7037-SP-2016.PDF

- **Physical Geography**; Water and carbon cycles, hot deserts/coastal landscapes/glacial environments, hazards or ecosystems.
- **Human Geography**; Global systems and governance, Changing Places, Contemporary urban environments/Population and the Environment/Resource Security.
- Geographical skills and research.

What will homework look like?

Various tasks such as set reading tasks, essay-style exam responses, extra personal reading and research, collaborative work.

What enrichment opportunities are available?

- Year 12/13 field week 4 mandatory days of fieldwork leading to individual project write-ups
- Guest speakers
- Conferences
- Independent research

ASSESSMENT

Regular tasks for homework and folder checks.

How will my child's work be assessed?

There will be two written exams in the summer of Year 13:

- Physical Geography = 40%
- Human Geography = 40%

Each student must also complete an individual investigation of between 3000-4000 words into a relevant issue, worth 20%.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

How can I support my child in this subject?

Encourage extra reading around topics

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- Discuss learning
- Mandatory 4 days of fieldwork, current cost approximately £320.00
- Ensure attendance in lessons at school

How can I support my child with exams?

• Revision techniques and timetabling