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Monday 27th of April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

It was lovely to meet so many parents at the recent Parental Consultation Evening. As a department we recognise the dedication and hard work that our A-Level students make daily to their studies. I can speak for the whole department when I say we look forward to this continuation through the rest of their A-Level journey.

On parents' evening we all raised the importance of the Non-Examined Assessment (NEA). This counts for 20% of your child's A-Level Geography grade. This is a 4,000-word report that follows the fieldwork process. Students are required to self-select a research question that they wish to study before completing the four main sections of the report; Introduction, Data Methodologies and Presentation, Critical Analysis and finally Conclusions and Evaluations.

This is a large piece of work so; to make it more manageable, it will be split down into sections. This will include taught content providing students the knowledge on how to complete the various aspects of the NEA, as well as time in lessons for students to start sections. This will provide a space for students to ask specific questions and gain any clarification before continuing the sections independently.

From this week to the end of the academic year all geography lessons for Miss Vincent and Miss Peters will switch from teaching content to working on the NEA. When we return in September there will also be time set aside to complete the final sections. This means that from May half term all homework and independent study time should be spent working on the NEA. This equates to at least 9 hours a fortnight. Given that there will be 14 hours a fortnight spent completing NEA coursework, it is my expectation that all students will meet the deadlines laid out below. Failure to meet these deadlines will result in time spent in my classroom after school for supervised catch up time. It is crucial that students meet the deadlines to keep on track with this piece of work.

I once again must stress the independent nature of this piece of work and the highly limited role we have as teachers in order to comply with the JCQ regulations.

Kind Regards,

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NEA Teaching/ Deadline Schedule
Summer Term 2026 – Winter Term 2026

Week Commencing	Teaching Plan	Deadlines	Additional Information
Monday 27 th April	Introduction to NEA and Proposal Forms		
Monday 4 th May		Friday 8 th May Proposal Form Due	
Monday 11 th May	Section 1 Introduction		
Monday 18 th May			
MAY HALF TERM			
Monday 1 st June		Friday 5 th June Introduction Due	Pause to Revise for Year 12 Exams
Monday 8 th June	Section 2 Data Methods		
YEAR 12 EXAMS			
Monday 29 th June			Pause for Year 12 Exam Feedback
Monday 6 th July	Section 3 Data Presentation	Friday 10 th July Data Methods Due	
Monday 13 th July			

Summer Break 2026- Time to complete data collection and presentation methods

Monday 31 st August		Friday 5 th September Data Collection and Presentation Due	
Monday 7 th September	Section 3 Data Analysis		
Monday 14 th September	Section 4 Conclusion	Friday 18 th September Data Analysis Due	
Monday 21 st September	Section 4 Evaluation	Friday 25 th September Conclusion Due	
Monday 28 th September		Friday 2 nd October Evaluation Due	

Time to follow up on feedback, edit and improve work

Monday 7 th December		Soft Deadline Thursday 10 th December	Soft Deadline- Final check all sections are completed and formatting check.
Monday 14 th December		Final Hand in Thursday 17 th December	A4 Full colour printed piece of work no binding

Time for staff to mark and moderate. NEA preliminary marks to be returned to students before May Half Term 2027. Submission to AQA for final moderation 15th May 2027.