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Dear Parent/Guardian

GEOGRAPHY EXAMINATION

As you may be aware we have made the decision to enter your son/daughter for their first Geography GCSE paper at the end of Year 10. This decision was made as a result of the excellent attitude and motivation shown by the present cohort. The date of the exam is **14 June 2010**.

We have now completed the content for this exam and will be spending the remaining lessons revising the content. It is advisable that your son/daughter to do some revision in their own time. We are following the new AQA (a) GCSE Geography course and the content we have covered, which will be in the exam on 14 June are:

- The Restless Earth
- Water on the Land
- The Coastal Zone

If you wish to purchase a revision guide an excellent one is 'Essentials, AQA Specification A GCSE Geography Revision Guide' (published by Letts and Lonsdale (ISBN 9781906415693) Tel: 015395 64910). The text book we use is 'Understanding GCSE Geography for AQA Specification A' by Ann Bowen and John Pallister published by Heinemann (ISBN 9780435353308) TEL: 0845 6303333. These are available from any good stationer and book shop. However, your child's own book is an equally valuable resource.

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If you have access to the internet the following websites are great sources of information (but have not necessarily been made with our exam specification in mind):

- www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/
- www.sln.org.uk/geography/
- www.gearthblog.com/
- www.radicalgeography.co.uk/
- www.volcanolive.com/contents.html
- www.stacey.peak-media.co.uk/
- www.juicygeography.co.uk/
- www.digitalgeography.co.uk/
- www.geography.org.uk/
- www.rgs.org/HomePage.htm
- www.geographyinthenews.rgs.org/
- worldwind.arc.nasa.gov/java/
- www.meto.gov.uk/
- www.geograph.org.uk/
- cgz.e2bn.net/e2bn/leas/c99/schools/cgz/accounts/staff/rchambers/GeoBytes/Homepage/index.htm
- www.oxfam.org.uk/coolplanet/index.htm
- www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite/
- www.geographyphotos.com/
- www.globaleye.org.uk/index.html
- www.geographypages.co.uk/
- www.geointeractive.co.uk/
- www.georesources.co.uk/
- www.geography-site.co.uk/
- www.awesomelibrary.org/Classroom/Social_Studies/Geography/Geography.html
- www.eduweb.com/
- geography.about.com/
- www.geographynetwork.com/
- www.geography.learnontheinternet.co.uk/
- www.pavilion.co.uk/dwakefield/
- www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/REVgeography.htm

We are continuing with the extra revision lessons after school on a Wednesday and Thursday. We are aware that these lessons have not always been as helpful as perhaps they were intended to be, but with this in mind we are constantly attempting to improve them. If your child has got other commitments on these evenings, a member of the Geography Department will be available any other evening if help is required.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your assistance and support in raising aspirations at Benjamin Britten High School and hopefully this will lead to your child reaching their undoubted potential in their GCSE.

Yours faithfully

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Teacher of Geography