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Dear Parents / Carers (& Year 11 Geographer)

As a new school year starts and we begin to look towards our next set of internal exams (November) I wanted to remind you of the support on offer.

**The Geography Department continues to offer a weekly 'drop in' lunch time, this year these are on Wednesdays.** These are a vital opportunity for students to seek help with topics, homework or classwork that they have struggled with, or just as a chance to use our text books / access their teachers on a 121 basis. Our data shows that students who regularly, and purposefully, attend these sessions are the students most likely to achieve or exceed their target grades.

The school stationery shop (on the Science corridor) sells packs of revision cards for £1.20. A sensible way to use the Wednesday lunch sessions would be to purchase these and start to prepare revision packs for each topic.

Students can access past papers (OCR B) via the OCR website - [Past papers materials finder - OCR](#). They could print these and work through them during Wednesday lunch drop in, or work through them at home (markschemes are available so they can check their answers) and use the drop in to address any errors or knowledge gaps with their class teachers. We also post lots of revision, and challenge / stretch resources into **Student Sharepoint**, and students should be accessing these independently.

Finally, a plea from me, presence in each, and every, lesson is one of the top routes to success; **attendance matters.** In Geography, each topic only gets 13 marks in the exam and 6 of those are likely to be a case study. A case study might only be taught in one or two lessons, so if a student misses this content they are restricting themselves to a mediocre performance in that section of the exam. If absence is unavoidable then students should see their class teachers as soon as they return, in order to collect any missed resources, they could use the next Wednesday lunch session to catch up on missed work.

Many thanks for your support.

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(Head of Geography)

**Urmston Grammar School - Headteacher: Mrs R S Wall**  
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