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Dear Parents and Geography students

I wanted to make you aware of a continued opportunity we are offering our Year 10 and 11 Geography students.

Key Stage 4 Geography Prep / Drop In : Thursday lunch times (all Geography rooms)

This is a (mostly voluntary *) opportunity for students to get help with homework, revisit classwork they found difficult, access textbooks to enhance their learning, study in small groups / independently or just chat about GCSE Geography and maybe consider studying it at A Level.

We know that this will help to reduce stress in the run up to examinations and enable students to achieve their target grades, or even exceed them. Attendance is (mostly*) optional, and students can drop in for 15 minutes or the whole lunch, it really is up to them to make the most of this offer. We anticipate that lots of students will use this time wisely and attendance will be monitored, ensuring that the pro-active learners who attend regularly achieve a grade 1 for their approach to learning. Data analysis of previous years has made it abundantly clear that those who regularly attend and use the time purposefully do better in their final examinations than their peers.

* This year students who are not meeting classwork or homework expectations will be asked to attend and carry out teacher directed tasks, and later in the year G1 will be used for taught sessions for identified students who need more structured support, if that includes your son / daughter you will be notified at the time.

Yours sincerely

Ms C Bramwell (*& the Geography Team*)

(Head of Department)