



21 September 2020

Dear Parent or Carer

**Re: Geography A-level NEA**

I am writing to you in respect of the above and your son or daughter's fieldwork options. The exam board, Edexcel, has now outlined the changes to the fieldwork that your son or daughter needs to complete. They have stated that students do not need to undertake the four-day fieldwork but will however still need to complete their NEA which will represent 20% of their final A-level grade. An NEA requires a certain amount of primary and secondary data/research for it to be completed, with this in mind, the exam board have given the options of virtual fieldwork or local fieldwork to complete data collection.

We have decided that the virtual fieldwork will be the best and safest option and the most productive way forward for the students. I have purchased the FSC (Field Study Centre) virtual fieldwork package and we will be using this to help students complete their NEA.

It is extremely important that your son or daughter completes their NEA in the allotted time using lesson time and independent learning at home. They must complete their NEA by Friday 11 December 2020. Students have been asked to bring in their laptops, from today, to help them prepare their NEA, if this is not possible we will try to arrange other alternatives but under current conditions accessing computers in school is difficult due to our year group bubbles. Please let me know if your son or daughter needs access to a school computer as soon as possible.

I appreciate that this is a difficult time for our students and their workload will be need to be well organised and monitored regularly. Thank you for your support in this and please contact me if you require any more information.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Allen  
**Head of Geography**

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