



Charters School

Specialist Sports and Science College

7 September 2011

Dear Parents/Carers

The Geography department is pleased that your child has opted for this subject at GCSE level. We have experienced a considerable rise in numbers taking the subject at both GCSE and A level over recent years, and our exam results continue to be very pleasing. We look forward to your child sharing in this success.

A key component of the Geography GCSE is based on the controlled assessment (worth 25% of their final grade). Students will attend a compulsory field-trip to Reading in March to investigate changes to the retail industry. They will write-up their findings in Geography lessons (with some work to be completed at home) under the supervision of their Geography teacher. We thank you in advance for your support and encouragement on this matter. Further details about the trip will sent home in the coming months.

I would also like to tell you about a magazine called 'Wideworld' which pupils have the chance to subscribe to, and which is written for GCSE students. Each of the 4 issues contains articles which are relevant to the topics we study, as well as exam hints and useful websites. This magazine highlights the relevance of Geography to the real world, and should encourage your child to take an interest in current events. If you would like to take this opportunity to subscribe to the magazine, please complete and return the reply slip below and return it with your payment of £8.95 in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled with name and activity to the Returns Box in Reception by **Friday 30 September**. Preferred method of payment is by cheque, payable to RBWM with name and tutor group printed on the reverse.

If your child has a specific interest in this subject, and is thinking of continuing it beyond GCSE, they may be interested in becoming a 'Young Geographer'. This is membership of the Royal Geographical Society which includes numerous benefits. For more information and an application form, they can go to <http://www.rgs.org/JoinUs/Young+Geographer.htm>.

If you would like to discuss your child's progress in Geography at any point, please do not hesitate to contact me or their subject teacher at school. Meanwhile, the Geography department looks forward to continued success, and your child's teacher will update you on their progress at parents evening in January.

Yours sincerely

MISS E WALTERS
Subject Leader Geography

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I wish to subscribe to Wideworld magazine and enclose subscription payment of £8.95.

Student Name: Tutor Group:

Signature (Parent/Carer): Date:

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