



# Charters School

## Specialist Sports and Science College

7 September 2011

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to welcome our Year 11 Geography students to their second and most important year of study and update you on their progress so far.

Students have now completed their Controlled Assessment, based on their fieldtrip to Reading in March. Pupils were given time in class and in their Year 10 Geography exam to complete their Controlled Assessment write-up (worth 25% of their final GCSE grade). They will now have received their marked controlled assessment from their teacher, with comments on how they can improve on it. Due to levels of control set by the exam board, students will only be able to improve certain sections of their project. Geography teachers will give students the opportunity to improve their project as they see necessary. The marks are subject to change after the moderation which will take place later in the year.

To support your child with their exam preparation, we will offer a range of revision clinics and workshops in the spring and summer term and provide students with revision materials. It is vital that students catch up on missed work and bring their text book and exercise book to every lesson.

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. At this stage in Year 11, pupils are expected to read broadly around the subject. Evidence of such reading is looked on very favourably by examiners, and therefore I strongly recommend that you encourage your child to subscribe to it. 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 any of these issues further, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Meanwhile, the Geography department looks forward to continued success, and your child's teacher will update you on their progress at the parents evening in October.

Yours sincerely

**MISS E WALTERS**  
**Subject Leader Geography**

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### YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY

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

Student Name: ..... Tutor Group: .....

Signature (Parent/Carer): ..... Date: .....

**Please return to the Returns Box in Reception by Friday 30 September 2011.**

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