



# 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 A-level. We have experienced a 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.

Year 12 have two compulsory trips which form an essential part of the course, as they will give pupils an experience of fieldwork, which is examined in June. The proposed first trip is to the London Olympic site where they will learn about regeneration and rebranding of the area. This will take place on **23 February 2012**. Further details will be sent out by letter in the coming months.

The second proposed trip is a residential trip to Cornwall. The provisional dates are **Monday 12 to Thursday 15 March 2012**. On this trip, pupils will learn about coastal issues, and rebranding and regeneration of Cornwall as a rural area. Further details about costing and timings for this trip will follow.

As A-level students, pupils are expected to read broadly around the subject. Pupils have the chance to subscribe to the **Geography Review** magazine, which is written for A-level students. Each of the 4 issues contains articles which are relevant to the topics we study. 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 £12.50 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 A-level, 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>.

Finally, following on from the success in the previous two years, the 'Geography Society', run by a group of sixth formers, will continue this year. We have several guest speakers scheduled for the autumn term so please encourage your child to attend Geography enrichment sessions on Wednesday period 5 in week two.

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 teachers will update you on their progress at parents evening in November.

Yours sincerely

**MISS E WALTERS**  
Subject Leader Geography

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### YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY

I wish to subscribe to Geography Review magazine and enclose subscription payment of £12.50.

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

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

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