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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Geography - *WideWorld* Magazine subscription

We are offering a subscription to the *WideWorld* magazine (Hodder) for your student at a cost of **£10.50**. This is a quarterly magazine that includes case studies, looks at geographical skills and has guidance on exam preparation. It will enrich your child's understanding of their course as well as their geographical knowledge and skills.

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As we go into this important year, we would also like to remind you of the structure of the GCSE course, shown below.

Yours sincerely

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GCSE Geography Course Outline

Our exam board is AQA and there will be THREE exam papers in the May/June of Year 11:

Paper 1 (Physical Geography)	Paper 2 (Human Geography)	Paper 3 (Geographical Applications)
1 hr 30 mins, 88 marks (35%)	1 hour 30 mins, 88 marks (35%)	1 hr 15 mins, 76 marks (30%)
(A) Challenge of Natural Hazards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Hazards (overview) Tectonic Hazards Weather Hazards Climate Change 	(A) Urban Issues and Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Urban World (overview) Opportunities and challenges in a NEE city (Rio) Urban change in the UK (Bristol) Sustainable urban development (Curitiba) 	Section A: Issue Evaluation You will receive a resource booklet 12 weeks <i>before</i> the exam all about a new issue related to our course. The exam will assess your ability to make sense of the resource booklet and apply your knowledge and skills to the issue.
(B) The Living World (covered in Year 9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecosystems Tropical Rainforests Hot Deserts 	(B) The Changing Economic World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development gap (overview) Nigeria: a newly emerging economy The changing UK economy 	Section B: Fieldwork Two types of fieldwork will be examined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fieldwork you have carried out (see below) <i>Unfamiliar</i> fieldwork where you apply what you learned to new places that. This will mean commenting on techniques, risk assessment, data presentation etc. of other people's fieldwork.
(C) Physical Landscapes of the UK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UK landscapes (overview) Coasts Rivers 	(C) Challenge of Resource Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource management (overview) Food, water and energy in the UK Global water management 	You will go on TWO fieldtrips during the course, physical (river) and human (Bristol regeneration)