



Dear Parents/Carers

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GCSE Geography controlled assessment – research about energy in a developed country

I wish to keep you up to date with the developments in your son's / daughter's GCSE Geography course. All students have completed their first controlled assessment, which followed on from the Bewerley Park fieldtrip. For most students the standard of work was high and this should put them in a strong position regarding their final grade. As part of the course the students are required to complete a second controlled assessment. This is worth 10% of the final grade. This controlled assessment assesses a student's ability to research the issue of "how a developed country can meet its increasing demand for energy". Students will have eight hours of "*controlled conditions*" to write up their work on computers – some of which will be *high level control*, where they must work under exam conditions and not have access to the Internet. Although students are not allowed to directly use work that they have completed outside of the lesson time, students can carry out research at home to give them background knowledge and understanding. They can also spend time finding useful websites that they can remember and then quickly go to these during the *low level controlled* lessons. It may be beneficial to your son / daughter if you would support them in completing their research.

You can support your son / daughter by:

- discussing why the demand for energy is increasing in their chosen country
- finding graphs / charts that show that the demand for energy is increasing
- investigating the advantages and disadvantages of different methods to create energy in their chosen country e.g. coal, wind, solar, nuclear etc.
- investigating specific groups of people who are for or against different methods to create energy, giving specific reasons / facts for their opinions
- reaching and justifying a conclusion about how the country should meet its increasing demand for energy in the future.

Ideally your son or daughter would not miss any of the Geography lessons, as vital guidance will be given to them. However, if they are absent they must make sure that they arrange to catch up the work.

Yours faithfully

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