



The Sixth Form

June 2026

Dear Year 12 Parents and Carers

A Level Geography Independent Investigation (NEA)

As part of their A Level Geography course, students are required to undertake an independent investigation. This is an important piece of work that accounts for 20% of the A Level marks. The investigation requires students to devise a title and hypotheses of their own choosing, with clear links to the AQA A level specification, and there is a requirement for primary data collection (fieldwork of approximately 2 days) to be carried out.

During some of our lesson time this term, students will be provided with teaching, advice and support in order to allow them to complete their investigation to the best of their ability. However, a large proportion of the rest of the work needs to be done independently, outside of lessons.

Students have been provided with some additional resources, including a mark scheme, a checklist and a comprehensive guide to the NEA published by the Royal Geographical Society (RGS). Further information is accessible via the Beaminster School Geography SharePoint and on Teams.

Students will continue to receive regular reminders and input in lessons to explain the different sections of the NEA. This half term, students are in the process of formulating their enquiry question, hypotheses and data collection methods.

The dates below should be used as a guide for students to ensure that they are keeping up to date with the requirements.

Monday 8th June	Initial ideas submitted
Thursday 18th June	Draft proposal submitted
Friday 3rd July	Data collection planning grid submitted
September	Data to be collected by the return to school from the summer holiday
Monday 30th November	First submission of investigation (Areas 1 and 2 completed, Areas 3 and 4 well under way)
Friday 22nd January	Final submission.

Our internal marks will be available by April.

Should you have any questions please do get in touch.

Yours faithfully

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