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Dear Parent

The A Level Geology Course

Mrs Eastwell, Mr Giffen and I have been pleased to welcome your son onto the Year 12 Geology course this year.

The Geology Course

Two examination boards offer Geology at A Level; EDUQAS (part of WJEC) and OCR. We follow the EDUQAS specification which, like all Sciences nationwide, is examined by three examinations papers at the end of Year 13, in conjunction with a number of specified practical activities to facilitate Practical Endorsement.

Geology Resources

Your son should be now fully aware of the following link on his O365 account:

goo.gl/UG2KP7

This link contains information on:

- Specification content
- Required mathematical skills
- Course layout
- Past examination papers (and intermittently the accompanying mark schemes)
- Background reading
- Teaching PPTs and associated documents

If you get the time, I suggest that you give this webpage a look.

Your son has been instructed on how to develop an online revision resource using hyperlinks linked to the scheme of work Word document and he will also be given background reading tasks as appropriate. Additionally, as the course progresses your son will be directed to specific past examination papers that will test his knowledge of the taught material. Consequently, your son has ample material for both private study lessons in school and independent study at home.

I would also take this opportunity to introduce you to the following textbook resource:

OCR Geology for A Level & AS. Stephen Davies *et al.* 2017. ISBN: 9781911208143.

Although written for the OCR A level Geology specification, virtually all of the content applies to the EDUQAS course and this book may make an excellent stocking filler for Christmas!

Geology Fieldwork

The Geology department at AGSB prides itself on the opportunities we give students to undertake geological fieldwork. This enables students to test their knowledge outside of the classroom in the 'real world' and to enjoy the sociable aspect of the subject that helps makes Geology such a popular course.

Geology fieldwork is a requirement of the EDUQAS specification. We have traditionally organised two residential fieldtrips to fulfil the specification requirements which we would once again hope to run during the next two years. Brief details follow below.

Vale of Eden Trip

This residential two-night trip will run in June /July 2019. We aim to stay overnight at the youth hostel at Kirkby Stephen in the Vale of Eden. The cost of this trip will be approximately £150.

Cyprus Trip

This five-night trip will run in March 2020. We aim to stay overnight in villa accommodation near the Coral Bay resort north of Paphos. The cost of this trip will be approximately £550.

And Finally,

If you have any questions to ask regarding the Geology course, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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