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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to provide some further information about the NEA and the upcoming mock exams for our Year 13 Geography students.

Year 13 November Mock Exams 2026

As you may be aware, students have their mock exams this week. The Geography mock will assess three of the six topics they are studying at A-level: **Water and Carbon Cycles, Global Systems and Governance, and Changing Places.**

Students have access to a dedicated Geography revision Google Classroom (class code: **7csntz4**), which contains revision resources, past exam papers, useful websites and recorded lessons. Please ask your child to show you the resources and explain how they are using them to prepare.

With their final A-level exams taking place next year, students should now be building regular revision into their routines. The mock exams are an opportunity to practise applying their knowledge and identify areas to focus on in the months ahead.

Geography NEA

Your child has been working on their NEA coursework over the past four months, following our field trip to Nettlecombe. At this stage, students are expected to have drafted their introduction, literature review and methodology, and collected their primary data, ready to start their analysis after their mock exams. We are checking students' work against these stages and the guideline dates below. Our checks suggest that most students are broadly at the expected stages, although progress varies.

Please check in with your child and ask them to show you the work they have completed so far. You can use the guideline dates below to discuss whether they are up to date with each stage and what they need to work on next.

Your child can use the resources on the NEA Google Classroom and in the NEA guide, as well as draw on their experiences from the Nettlecombe trip. The feedback we can provide is limited by Ofqual guidelines, but Mr Andrews, Mrs Noss, Miss Wallace and I are available to discuss the NEA and offer guidance.

The final NEA submission deadline is **Friday 18 December 2026 at 1 pm**. The schedule allows time for students to complete their work while continuing their studies in Geography and other subjects.

Date	Event / Activity	Details
13th September – 15th October	Data Collection Period	Students should collect their data during this period. It requires dedication and time – parental support may be needed for logistics. By this date they will have also written their final methodology
15th October – 15th November	Data Presentation and Analysis	Taught in class and at Nettlecombe. Students should work on presenting and analysing their collected data. Work must be completed by the deadline.
15th – 30th November	Conclusions and Evaluation	Lesson time will focus on completing conclusions and evaluations. This will also be covered at Nettlecombe. Work must be completed by the given deadline.
Friday 18th December, 12pm	Final NEA Submission Deadline	Students must submit their completed NEA by this time. No extensions are permitted.

The whole process takes around six months from start to finish and requires determination from students to complete it to the best of their ability. It is an independent piece of work, and the rules state that our feedback must be minimal (verbal only) and purely guidance-based. This is why it is essential that students follow the instructions and tasks set for them. We also strongly recommend that you, as parents and carers, are actively involved in supporting your child throughout the process.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at jrs@edgbarrowschool.co.uk.

Yours faithfully



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