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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 11 Geography High Stakes Assessment

As you may be aware your son/daughter will be sitting their High Stakes Assessment in Geography in 6 weeks' time. Therefore, as a Geography Department we thought it might be useful to share with you how you can help prepare your son/daughter for their Geography assessment.

We are focusing on Natural Hazards in lessons which is worth 38% of the GCSE Geography paper 1 grade. The students have covered this content previously, but we feel that it would be beneficial for them to re-visit it to enable them to secure higher marks on this section of the paper. The key content in the form of a revision booklet can be found [here](#), it would be extremely useful if you could print this off and ensure that your son/daughter is using it over the next 6 weeks to revise. **If this is problematic, please put a note in your child's planner and ask them to discuss this with their Geography teacher, prior to lessons.**

As a department we would also recommend the purchase of the CGP GCSE AQA Geography to support them learning key content. This will shortly be available online via the online pay portal. As part of this unit there are three case studies: the Italy Earthquake in 2009, the Nepal Earthquake in 2015 and Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. Students will need to remember key facts e.g., date of the hazard and how many people died. You can support this by quizzing them on these at home, use of mini post it notes, and mini whiteboards will enable them to rote learn these and secure valuable marks on the paper. Below is a table of key facts that you could quiz them on.

	Italy Earthquake (HIC)	Nepal Earthquake (LIC)	Typhoon Haiyan
Date:	6 April 2009	25 April 2015	8 November 2013
Primary Impact:	308 people killed	6,204 people killed.	6,300 people died.
Secondary Impact:	Water mains burst	Loss of tourism.	Storm surges led to an oil tanker leaking 800,000 liters of oil.
Immediate Response:	Ambulances, fire engines and the army were sent in to rescue survivors.	Search and rescue teams looked for survivors.	10 million people evacuated.
Long-term Response:	4,500 homes were built by the end of 2009.	People are educated via earthquake drills.	Buildings rebuilt on raised platforms.



In addition, please encourage your child to utilise one or more of the Hungerhill Study Skills strategies, to support with their independent revision and/or to participate in online revision through the podcasts and knowledge quizzes on GCSE POD.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's Geography Teacher or me on Spruce.C@hungerhillschool.com

Yours sincerely



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