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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 11 Geography Students,

GCSE Geography Paper 3 Pre-Release Materials - Important Information for Year 11 Students and Parents

We are writing to inform you about the GCSE Geography Paper 3: Geographical Applications pre-release materials, which will be issued to students from Thursday 19 March 2026.

These materials are provided by the exam board to support preparation for Paper 3, which students will sit on 11 June 2026. Students will receive a hard copy in school, and they may take this copy home to support their revision and preparation.

What students should know

- The pre-release booklet contains information that will be used in the exam.
- Students do not need to research beyond the information provided in the booklet.
- A clean copy of the same booklet will be provided in the exam.

Students are encouraged to read the booklet carefully, annotate it with teacher support during specific lesson times, and bring any questions to their Geography lessons where teachers will help them understand the material.

Important rules about the pre-release materials

Because these materials form part of a live examination, strict rules apply. Students **must not**:

- Share the materials on social media or public websites
- Email or send copies to anyone who is not sitting the exam
- Upload images, text, or data from the booklet into any artificial intelligence (AI) tools
- Share or post screenshots, photographs, or extracts online

These rules are set by the exam board to ensure fairness for all students nationally.

Consequences of sharing the materials

If the pre-release materials are shared publicly or used in ways that break exam board rules after students have been instructed not to do so, this may be treated as exam malpractice. Exam boards take this very seriously.

Possible consequences may include:

- The incident being formally reported to the exam board



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- An investigation into exam malpractice
- The student receiving penalties set by the exam board, which could include loss of marks or disqualification from the examination

These rules are in place to protect the fairness and integrity of the GCSE examination process for all students.

What students are allowed to do

Students may:

- Take their hard copy home and use it for revision
- Annotate and highlight their booklet which will be done with teacher support in class

Please ensure that the materials are **kept secure and not shared publicly**.

Supporting your child

Parents and carers can help by encouraging students to:

- Read the booklet carefully
- Bring it to Geography lessons when requested
- Follow the rules regarding confidentiality and sharing

If you have any questions, please contact the Geography department at school.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain the integrity of the examination process and supporting students in their GCSE preparation.

Kind regards,

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