



16th January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to advise you that, after careful consideration, we have taken the decision to switch exam boards for GCSE Geography from AQA to Eduqas for your son/daughter's summer exams in 2021. The reason for this decision is that having examined the exemplar papers supplied by both examination boards, we believe that Eduqas papers give our students a much greater chance of achieving the grades they are capable of.

The content of the course is practically identical and the examinations that students undergo, along with their percentage value, are the same, and the requirements for field study remain the same – so students will still have the opportunity to undertake some practical studies in Geography. Therefore, your son/daughter will experience very little change over the coming months and will not notice much difference (if any) between the different exam boards. Eduqas is also used for English, French and History GCSEs here at Maidenhill.

In the preparation period running up to the examinations, students will of course have opportunities to practise the sorts of examination questions they are likely to encounter. We will be offering extra after-school sessions on a regular basis as part of our revision schedule to provide additional support for students who feel they need it.

If you would like to discuss the above, or any aspect of your son/daughter's learning and progress in Geography, please don't hesitate to contact me either by calling the school or by emailing me at: mtardivel@maidenhill.gloucs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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