

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

I am writing to keep you informed about the NEA (independent investigation) requirements of the Geography A Level course. This component is worth 20% of the entire A Level and is a real opportunity to lock in some high marks before the exams.

There are several stages that the students need to take.

- 1) They should have already chosen their hypothesis or question to investigate.
- 2) They should have undertaken some literature research on the theory and background to the hypothesis.
- 3) They should have undertaken or be about to undertake their primary data collection. That is, they should have gone out and gathered some data from the area they are investigating.

These first stages should now either have been completed or be completed by the end of the Christmas holiday. If there are any difficulties with this then please don't hesitate to contact me so I can help deal with them.

The next stages are;

- 4) Presenting the data using a range of different techniques.
- 5) Analysing the data, drawing conclusions to answer the hypothesis or question.
- 6) Evaluating the investigation and considering what went well and any weaknesses or limitations.
- 7) The final handing in of the completed NEA on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

I would like every student to have finished the first three stages by the start of Spring term. At that point the Geography department will be holding help sessions during Monday lunch times to assist with the writing up of the results. If there are any problems or difficulties, then now is the time to address them. At this stage any changes and delays can be **easily dealt** with but delaying and putting things off will only make it harder to achieve the best results and will add stress during an already strenuous time.



I will be adding some resources online to assist in the NEA process. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

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Leader of Geography