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## GCSE Geography – the next few months

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In the afternoon of **Monday 21 January** students sit the Sustainable Decision Making exam. It is worth **25%** of their final grade and lasts one hour.

This exam is based on pre-released material which the students have been working through for the past few weeks. The exam looks at Britain's housing crisis – we have more people to house, but fewer houses are being built. The exam will look at the background to the issue, the possible options, and then students will be asked to make a decision on what they think the best option would be.

How can you help?

- Ask them questions about the resource booklet they have.
- Get them to explain the causes of our housing crisis.
- Ask what the advantages and disadvantages of both greenfield and brownfield sites are.
- Get them to describe and explain the characteristics of eco-towns

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After the exam they have the opportunity to make improvements to their coursework. This work is also worth **25%** of their final grade and obviously makes a huge difference to their overall grade.

How can you help?

- Encourage them to come along to after-school sessions in Room 11 (Monday – Thursday, 3:30-4:30pm).

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After the exam, lesson time will be spent completing the final unit of the course – Economic Geography. We will spend two lessons a week on this topic and use the third lesson to start the revision process in preparation for the final exam on **Wednesday 12 June** (am). This exam is worth the final 50% of their grade and lasts one and a half hours. It will assess the following units:

- Natural hazards
- Rivers and coasts
- Economic geography

How can you help?

- Obviously by asking them questions about the course (this is made easier if they produce revision cards first).
- Support them in their revision.

The Hinchingsbrooke School Geography website has some useful revision exercises and tip:  
<http://www.hinchingsbrookeschool.co.uk/geography/Year11GCSEGeography.html>

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