



## MAHARISHI SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 10 GCSE Geography extra lessons on Tuesdays before school

You will be aware that this year's year 10 is part of the first national cohort to do the new Geography GCSE Specification. This is a complete overhaul of the old Specification with the following changes:

- No more controlled assessment, but we have to do two fieldworks which will be assessed in an exam.
- We have to study a geographic "issue" which is sent to the school 12 weeks before the exam for study - to be assessed in the same exam as the field work.
- There are still two exams for Physical and Human Geography separately. The Foundation option has been removed, but differentiated questions give access to all pupils. The content of the new Specification has been amended to a very large extent to include new topics, new scales of study and new geographic skills. The topics are also more challenging than previously.

When considering the above demands and comparing it with the number of lessons Year 10 have available to cover this Specification until their Year 11 GCSE exam, it is clear that there will not be enough time to complete the syllabus or to study it at any sufficient depth to ensure pupils will be able to have the best chance to succeed in their exams.

To this end it has been decided that I will be offering an extra half an hour session every Tuesday morning from 8:50 (PROMPT start) till 9:20 to commence on Tuesday 21 February (after half term). It is really important that pupils attend this session as we will be covering new material in each lesson just as in the formal lessons.

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Please return the reply slip to the office with your permission for your year 10 child to attend these Geography extra sessions. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me on [mingram@maharishischool.com](mailto:mingram@maharishischool.com) in the first instance or via the school office.

I hope that we will make good progress with these sessions in year 10 and so relieve some of the pressure that is usually part of year 11.

Yours sincerely

Mareanna Ingram

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I give permission and will ensure that my child \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the extra Geography sessions on Tuesdays from 8:50 am till 9:20 am starting on Tuesday 21 February.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Any comments: