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Dear Parents

Year 11 pupils taking the Geography 'Sustainable Decision Making Exercise' Exam on Thursday 20 January 2011

As you will no doubt be aware, Year 11 Geography pupils will be sitting their Geography GCSE *Sustainable Decision Making Exercise (SDME)* exam on Thursday 20 January in the afternoon. This is not a trial exam; it is the first of the two GCSE exams they sit for their GCSE Geography course (the second paper occurs in June in the main GCSE exam period) along with their Controlled Assessment unit which they have already completed.

In accordance with our normal practice, these pupils may, if they wish, take Study Leave for the morning on the day of the SDME examination. However, as the SDME paper is only 1 hour long and many of the pupils have a double Geography lesson on the Thursday morning, as well as the fact that the pupils are due to start their trial exam period the following week, they may well wish to attend school on the morning of 20 January. They can then attend their Geography lesson if they have one and also benefit from the preparation for the trial exams they will receive in their other subjects.

Please note, however, that these pupils should **either attend lessons for the whole morning or arrive in school at lunchtime** in good time for the afternoon session. No facilities will be available for private study in school.

Please contact your son or daughter's Geography teacher or me if you have any questions. May I take the opportunity to wish them luck in their Geography SDME exam.

Yours sincerely

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