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Summer Work – Transition from Year 11 to Year 12

A Level Subject: [Geography](#)

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Required textbook:

Textbooks will be used during lessons. Buying your own copy of these textbooks will support your learning and revision at home, however, it is not essential, we have enough for each student. I have indicated the textbooks which we use to deliver the AQA A Level Geography course. If you were to buy a text which we do not supply then the third, the revision book, would be the most worthwhile.

1.AQA Geography A Level and AS Physical Geography Student Book. Oxford University Press.

ISBN: 9780198366515

2.AQA Geography A Level and AS: Human Geography Student Book. Oxford University Press.

ISBN: 9780198366546

3.AQA A Level Geography Exam Practice. Oxford University Press. ISBN 978-0198432586

Useful sources:

[The Guardian online](#)

[BBC News](#)

[Geographical magazine](#)

[The Royal Geographical Society](#)

Equipment List:

Please arrive at Fakenham Sixth Form well prepared with equipment and a folder including subject dividers, for collating all your geography work and assessment on an ongoing basis. You will also need lined paper, pens and coloured highlighters. Folders will be checked on a half termly basis.



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Tasks

I am pleased that you have chosen to study this diverse and hugely important subject. We follow the AQA Geography specification. You will be expected to develop a working knowledge of current affairs and be able to critically comment on relevant issues. This can be achieved through watching TV news reports, listening to BBC Radio 4 or BBC Radio 5 Live and reading a quality newspaper.

When studying geography, it is important to be aware of the 'big questions' that impact upon our world today. Below is a set of 'big questions' for you to consider. Each will aid you in understanding one of the topics studied at A level.

1. 'It is a country's level of economic development that will determine how well it copes with natural hazards.' Evaluate the validity of this statement.
2. 'Wars in the future will be fought over water.' To what extent do you agree with this statement?
3. 'Globalisation is positive to all.' To what extent do you agree with this statement?
4. What is a 'sense of place'? Why is it important in the study of geography?
5. 'Coastal areas in developing countries are more at risk than those in developed countries.' To what extent do you agree with this statement?
6. Urban areas are better places to live than rural areas. Discuss.
7. How should Antarctica be used by people in the future, if at all?

Read through these seven big questions. For each one briefly outline what your opinion is on the 'big question', as if you were answering a 6 mark GCSE question.

Choose one of these big questions, expand upon your brief opinion and write your key arguments linked to this issue. Aim to write around 500 words. You should include links, photographs, graphs and any other evidence which you think will be useful, using this evidence to back up your opinions.

Use the sources and books suggested on the previous page. Extra specific research will inform you about the opinions of others which you should use to help you form your own, well-argued conclusion.

I hope you enjoy your summer break and you achieve success in your GCSE results. I look forward to meeting you in September.

Mrs S Hirst

Head of Geography