

# Geography – Preparation for sixth form

Welcome to A Level Geography at King Egbert School! We look forward to meeting you all in September. We have provided this document as guidance as how best to prepare yourself for picking this subject. There are two key things you can be doing before September:

**1 – Develop as a geographer** - This means be interested in what is going on in the world around you and don't be afraid to question things! There is always lots going on in the world that is relevant to your A-Level in the subject, so the best thing you can do is watch the news/read articles/listen to podcasts. Furthermore, you can follow us on Instagram: @king\_ecgbert\_geog

**2 – Prepare for the A Level Course** – Get a head start by exploring the topics we will be studying over the course of the next two years. The best way to do this, is to develop your notes from GCSE and start reading around the key issues we will be studying!

You must complete every section of the *compulsory* work needed to support your transition into the Geography A level, it is also highly recommended that you complete the *suggested* preparation work

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Topic checklists .	<p><b>Topic One: Water and Carbon Cycle.</b> Watch the Video: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5EwCTCMrx5E&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5EwCTCMrx5E&amp;feature=youtu.be</a></p> <p>Download the checklist – tick off how confident you feel with each section (don't worry if there is lots you don't know). This should help you to focus what you need to increase your knowledge on, in preparation for starting the A Level.</p> <p><b>Topic Two: Contemporary Urban Environments</b> Watch the TED Talk: <a href="https://www.ted.com/talks/peter_calthorpe_7_principles_for_building_better_cities/up-next">https://www.ted.com/talks/peter_calthorpe_7_principles_for_building_better_cities/up-next</a></p> <p>Download the checklist – tick off how confident you feel with each section (don't worry if there is lots you don't know). This should help you to focus what you need to increase your knowledge on, in preparation for starting the A Level.</p>	
Key words / terminology	<p>Print off the Key Word cards for the topic of Water and Carbon Cycle (Physical) and Urban Environments (Human).</p> <p>Write the answers on to the back and bring with you to your lessons in September. You may need to research the answers to some of them.</p>	
Specific subject task	<p>Complete the tasks on the attached document titled "Summer Homework". All these tasks will be checked within your first lessons at A-Level.</p>	

Suggested preparation work	Suggested reading	<p><b>Prisoners of Geography</b> <i>T.Marshall</i> – shows how the physical geography impacts on political reality and helps us to understand how the decisions of world leaders have been shaped by geography</p> <p><b>Factfulness</b> <i>Rosling</i> – This take a rational look at actually how far the world has <u>measurably</u> improved and what is left to be done.</p> <p><b>The revenge of Geography</b> – <i>Robert D Kaplan</i> – provides a new insight on how to view global upheavals and to understand what lies ahead for continents and countries around the world.</p>	
	Debate topics	<p>"It is impossible to live in a Carbon neutral world, as long as consumerism exists"</p> <p>Write a for and against argument</p>	
	Netflix!	<p><b>Dirty Money</b> – fantastic TV series looking at stories of corporate corruptions, securities fraud and creative accounting. (Also useful for if your studying economics)</p> <p><b>Explained</b> - Each episode is only around 16 minutes long with each focusing on different topics. Pick and choose the ones that interest you. For example, the World's Water Crisis.</p>	
	Channel 4	<p><b>Unreported world</b> has loads of excellent documentaries looking at issues facing the world – the two below are particularly relevant to the A level course:</p> <p><b>The world's dirtiest river</b> (Unreported world)  <a href="https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/on-demand/58399-001">https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/on-demand/58399-001</a></p> <p><b>The World's Dirtiest Air (Unreported World)</b>  <a href="https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/on-demand/67193-002">https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/on-demand/67193-002</a></p>	
	Magazines / articles to read online	<p><a href="https://www.citymetric.com/">https://www.citymetric.com/</a> - fantastic, relevant and up to date news articles.</p>	