

Geography – Preparation for sixth form

Welcome to A Level Geography at King Ecgbert 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

Compulsory Tasks

Topic checklists	<p>Topic One: Water and Carbon Cycle. Watch the Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5EwCTCMrx5E&feature=youtu.be</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>Topic Two: Contemporary Urban Environments Watch the TED Talk: https://www.ted.com/talks/peter_calthorpe_7_principles_for_building_better_cities?language=en</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>

Optional Tasks

Suggested reading	<p>Prisoners of Geography <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>Factfulness <i>Hans Rosling</i> – This take a rational look at actually how far the world has measurably improved and what is left to be done.</p>
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	<p>The revenge of Geography – <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> <p>Africa is not a country <i>Dipo Faloyin</i> - A bright portrait of modern Africa that pushes back against harmful stereotypes to tell a more comprehensive story.</p> <p>Disaster by choice <i>Ilan Kelman</i> - Kelman's framing of 'disasters by choice' argues how disasters are created by human choices rather than the hazard itself.</p>
Netflix	<p>The page below gives good suggestions of geography related documentaries that you could watch.</p> <p>https://www.netflix.com/tudum/articles/nature-documentaries-netflix</p>
Channel 4	<p>Unreported world has loads of excellent documentaries looking at issues facing the world – the two below are particularly relevant to the A level course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The world's Dirtiest River</i> • <i>The World's Dirtiest Air</i>