**Preparing for Transition from Key Stage 4 to Key Stage 5**

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| **Subject** | **Qualification** |
| **Geography**  Topic 1 - Globalisation  Topic 2 - Coastal Landscapes and Change  Topic 3 - Regenerating Places  Topic 4 -Tectonic Processes and Hazards  Topic 5 -The Water Cycle and Water Insecurities  Topic 6 - The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security  Topic 7 - Superpowers  Topic 8 - Migration, Identity and Sovereignty | **A Level**  Exam Board: Pearson Edexcel  4 Components:   1. Paper 1 Physical Geography (30%) 2. Paper 2 Human Geography (30 %) 3. Paper 3 Geographical Issues (20%) 4. Independent Coursework (20%) |
| **Recommended Reading Materials** | **Recommended Websites** |
| * A Short History of Nearly Everything - Bill Bryson (2003) * Globalization: A Very Short Introduction - Manfred Steger (2013) * The Making of the British Landscape - Nicholas Crane (2016) * Geopolitics: A Very Short Introduction - Klaus Dodds (2014) | * To introduce yourself to the specification: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/geography-2016.html> - Pearson * Introduction to the coursework element which includes fieldwork:<https://www.geography-fieldwork.org/a-level/> - FSC * Excellent informative videos about the world and beyond: <https://www.youtube.com/user/Kurzgesagt> * Really useful up to date articles: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/> - National Geographic Magazine * For all things economic: <https://www.economist.com/> - Economist * Up to date geography news: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/news/earth_climate/geography/> - Science Daily * Interesting articles about the world:<https://www.atlasobscura.com/> - Atlas Obscura |
| **Preparation Tasks** | **Recommended Research** |
| * Visit your local high street / shopping district. How many global TNCs (Transnational Corporations) can you identify? Are there more than independent businesses? Why? * Familiarise yourself with the A Level Geography Specification using the link in the ‘Recommended Websites’ | * Find out what Canary Wharf’s main industry was before it was the financial hub of London. * Was the London Olympics a success and did it benefit the local people in Stratford? * Research the tectonic history of the UK. Why do we no longer have any active volcanoes? * Why is the East coast of the UK so vulnerable to coastal erosion? |
| **Recommended trips or visits this Summer** | |
| * The Natural History Museum * Canary Wharf * Stratford; Westfield & Queen Elizabeth Park * The Beach! Do you notice any coastal defences? Why are they there? | |
| **Tasks to Complete** | |
| * Complete the preparation tasks * Create a report/presentation on the local area where you live. Ensure you include: - A short history of your local place, what was its main industry in the past and how has it changed since? (try not to go back by more than 100 years). - Has your local place been influenced by international businesses? Do you see a lot of TNCs around; have they contributed to the economy of your local place for the better or worse? Think about shopping centres, business districts, markets etc. - What are the demographics of your local place? e.g. population, age, income, level of education - why do think this trend exists? You can use government census websites to help you such as datashine.org.uk * This activity will aid your understanding of the first two human geography topics you will be studying during your first year; Globalisation & Regenerating Places | |