

A-Level Preparation into the Sixth Form 2023

Geography

The A level Geography course is an exciting, topical and contemporary subject. You will be following the Edexcel specification, which will include topics such as:

Y12	Y13
Tectonic processes and hazards	Energy Security and carbon cycle
Globalisation	Water cycle and scarcity issues
Regenerating places	Superpowers e.g. USA, Brazil, Russia, India and China
Coastal Issues (Development, erosion, landforms, risks faced by sea level rise and flooding)	Economic development of countries (Including trade and aid)
	Health, human rights and Intervention

It is essential for A level geographers to keep up to date with current happenings in the world. Much of the course is supported by detailed case studies of geographical events or situations and you will be expected to read a quality newspaper as part of your background reading
e.g. The Times, the Guardian, The Independent.

The BBC website contains a wealth of information. As well as the BBC online news area, they are various radio shows, which you can download and listen to on your IPod. BBC Radio 4 hosts shows e.g. In our Time, Material World, Costing the Earth and From Our Own Correspondence. You do not need to listen to every show but check the listings beforehand to see if they contain any relevant information.

The following are a selection of magazines, which contain a vast array of relevant articles. All the magazines have websites, which you may be able to download articles from e.g. National Geographic, The Economist, Geographical Magazine, New Scientist.

Geography can be represented through TV programmes and travel writing. See below for a selection:

Travel writing/Photography suggestions	TV Programmes
Bill Bryson: Icons of England, African Diary, Neither Here Nor There, Notes from a Small Island	Documentaries: Planet Earth, Coast, Men of Rock, History of the British Isles
Michael Palin: Around the World in Eighty Days	Current affairs: Dispatches (Channel 4) and Panorama (BBC 1)
Yann Arthus-Bertrand: The New Earth from Above	

Summer task

Read the following article: [Why the title of developing country no longer exists?](#) published in The Telegraph on 23rd May 2016. In no more than 500 words provide evidence for and against the points made in the article. Please bring your work to the first lesson in September.