

## Welcome to A level Geography

Before starting your A Level Geography course in September there are a number of tasks you should undertake:

1. Go on to <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-7037> and read through the specification content that we will be following. You can get a good overview of the course and what you will learn over the next two years.
2. Your course will be taught by two teachers, one will focus mainly on the physical geography topics whilst the other will be looking mainly at the human geography topics. The course will include a look at the Water and Carbon cycles (physical) and Changing Places (human). Do a basic Google search of the water and carbon cycles to get ahead!
3. Be familiar with the content and layout of the following websites that will be used during the course;  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)   [www.un.org](http://www.un.org)   [www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)
4. As part of the Changing Places unit of work, we study how places change. Try to do some background reading on how Liverpool has changed over time. You could produce a timeline of notes showing the points where Liverpool has changed in the past century, and add significant events that have happened in Liverpool ( i.e. Liverpool becomes European Capital of Culture in 2008). If you google Geofile, Liverpool, it's a great place to start.
5. Reading! We always encourage A level Geographers to read – newspaper articles (print or online), magazine articles and books. There is a wealth of information out there that links to your new studies. The more you read, the better you write. The more variety you read, the better you can appreciate how there are many different views and opinions on the topics that matter. There are a couple of books that we would recommend you to read over the summer, both by Bill Bryson. Firstly '*A Short History of Nearly Everything*'. This is a very good popular science book that provides good background to a lot of geography! Secondly '*Notes from a Small Island*' – an interesting look at Britain and useful for the 'Changing Places' topic we cover. (You can probably buy copies very cheaply on Amazon). If you are really keen, another book we think would benefit your studies is '*Prisoners of Geography*' by Tim Marshall.
6. It will have been a long gap between the end of GCSE and the start of your A-level course, so you can do a bit of a refresher and some preparation for some of the Physical Geography A level course by joining the Seneca Learning Online course at <https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/1d9160c4-8711-41ec-879f-44d02110a2a4/section/0c8290b0-21aa-4359-b4cc-8c75e66b7e6c/session> If you work through these modules you will be a step ahead in September.
7. Be prepared. For your A level studies you will require all the usual stationery and writing equipment including a calculator, ruler and a protractor.

Enjoy the rest of the summer holidays!