

WELCOME TO A-LEVEL GEOGRAPHY



INTRODUCTION

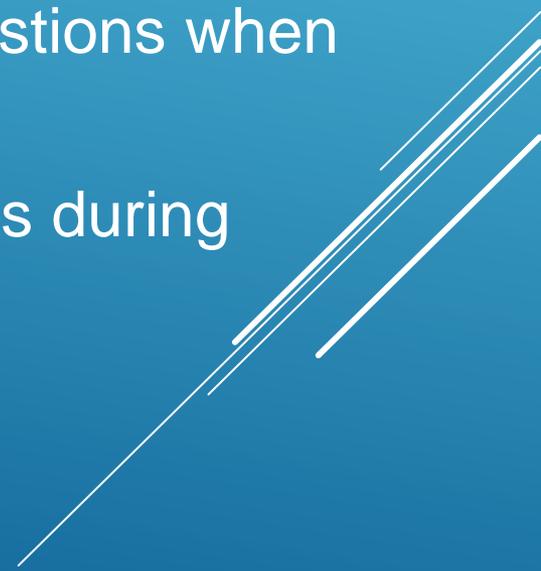
- ▶ We look forward to meeting you in September.
- ▶ Many students in year 12 find the transition from GCSE to A level difficult at first. In order to make things easier for yourself we recommend that you take time over the summer to do some background reading, to help familiarise yourself with the language and content of the course (We are following AQA Geography A-Level).
- ▶ We also recommend that you follow the news and current affairs, which will improve your general knowledge and case study notes. For example, hazards such as floods, heat waves and earthquakes are relevant to the 'Hazards' unit and news about the EU and trade deals are useful for the 'Global governance' unit.

MATERIALS TO BRING TO LESSONS

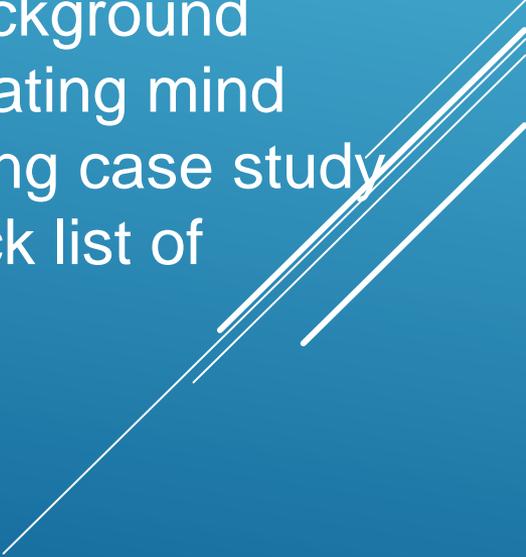
You will need the following items

- ▶ Your own supply of lined paper and a lever arch folder with dividers.
 - ▶ The text book that you will be issued with.
 - ▶ Pens (black or blue and a green), pencils, a ruler and sometimes a calculator. Highlighters are also useful.
 - ▶ We will supply any additional graph paper or handouts as required.
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EXPECTATIONS IN LESSONS

- ▶ You need to arrive on time for each lesson. Breaks during double lessons are at the discretion of the teacher.
 - ▶ If you need to miss a lesson then you are expected to tell the teacher in advance and complete any work that you are asked to do.
 - ▶ During lessons we hope that you will take an active role, contributing to discussions and asking questions when necessary.
 - ▶ There should be no eating or use of phones during lessons.
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EXPECTATIONS WITH INDEPENDENT STUDY

- ▶ You will be taught by 2 members of staff, who will both set homework each week.
 - ▶ You need to organise your time so that this is completed by the deadline. You may find yourself excluded from lessons if you fail to arrive with the required research or work.
 - ▶ With your additional time you are expected to carry out independent study e.g. reading articles; background reading and research; reviewing notes; creating mind maps; answering practice questions; learning case study facts and figures. (You will be given a check list of independent study tasks to complete)
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PREPARING FOR SEPTEMBER



- ▶ You will find some recommended articles and information attached, together with a letter advising you and your parents about the compulsory field trip to Dorset.
- ▶ Please read the letter and return the reply slip during your first lesson in September.

PREPARING FOR SEPTEMBER : SUMMER WORK

See the attached Word document for the tasks to complete over the summer for Geography A-Level.

All work should be ready to hand in on the first lesson back. The essay and photograph will initially be judged by the RMGS geography department and the best ones will receive prizes and also be entered into the national competitions.

