**2020 Geography A level**

**Preparation Pack**

We study edexcel Geography.

Our A1 option modules include Coastal Landscapes and Diverse Places. We start the year with these. Prep. work is based around consolidating understanding of coasts and introducing place, as well as looking at overarching BIG geographic questions.

**Task 1 - Prepare for year 12 COASTS unit**

* by reviewing and consolidating knowledge of your Coasts Topic From GCSE. Don’t worry if you didn’t study it. Now is a good time to learn the basics. Make summary notes from your gcse topic book or use GCSE BBC bitesize for Making notes or a topic poster.
* Create definition lists to help you access the A Level language in September. Key areas to focus on / revise from gcse include Processes, Landforms, Risks and Management.

**Task 2 - Prepare for year 12 DIVERSE PLACES (EDEXCEL) unit**

* Read the below article about ‘Place’:

(<https://www.rgs.org/CMSPages/GetFile.aspx?nodeguid=944f2503-af13-4c7f-b178-e4bbaffb38eb&lang=en-GB>)

* Using your understanding from the article, and some of the key concepts you have researched, create a spider diagram, thinking map or poster titled ‘The place I call home’. Email your work to jbennett@bristolcathedral.org.uk.

**Task 3 - 'The big questions’ task**

When studying geography it is important to be aware of the ‘big questions’ that impact upon our world today.

Below are a set of ‘big questions’ for you to consider:

**Question 1.** ‘It is a country’s level of economic development that will determine how well it copes with natural hazards.’ Evaluate the validity of this statement.

**Question 2.** ‘Wars in the future will be fought over water.’ To what extent do you agree with this statement?

**Question 3.** ‘Globalisation is positive to all.’ To what extent do you agree with this statement?

**Question 4.** Doreen Massey’s work revolves around the concept of “a sense of place”. What do you consider this phrase to mean?

**Question 5.** ‘Coastal areas in developing countries are more at risk than those in developed countries.’ To what extent do you agree with this statement?

**Question 6.** Urban areas are better places to live than rural areas. Discuss. Question 7. How should Antarctica be used by people in the future, if at all?

* Read through these seven big questions. For each one briefly outline what your opinion is on the ‘big question’.
* Choose one of these big questions, expand upon your brief opinion and write your key arguments linked to this issue. Where appropriate use evidence from your reading to back up your opinion.

**Task 4 - General & wider reading / watching**

* A good purchase!!! Geography: A Very Short Introduction (Very Short Introductions) Paperback – 22 May 2008 by John A. Matthews (Author), David T. Herbert (Author) (£5 on Amazon)
* Geography Review: <http://www.philipallan.co.uk/geographyreview/index.htm> Geographical: <http://www.geographical.co.uk/Home/index.html>
* Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World – and Why Things Are Better Than You Think. By Hans Rosling, Ola Rosling,Anna Rosling Rönnlund

Useful websites:

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/> [http://www.geographyalltheway.com](http://www.geographyalltheway.com/) [http://www.gatm.org](http://www.gatm.org/)

DON'T PANIC — Hans Rosling showing the facts about population

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FACK2knC08E&t=1583s>

Interactive map of coastal map of the UK coastline

<https://www.gov.uk/check-plans-to-stop-coastal-erosion-in-your-area>

What is happening to the plates?

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg22329843-000-earths-tectonic-plates-have-> doubled-their-speed

How can technology improve a country’s vulnerability?

<https://www.ted.com/talks/paul_conneally_digital_humanitarianism>

What is a ‘global sense of place’? Why is this important to the understanding of ‘place’ as a concept? Massey, D (1991) <http://banmarchive.org.uk/collections/mt/pdf/91_06_>