**GEOGRAPHY SUMMER WORK**

Welcome to the Geography Department at Fakenham Sixth Form.  I am pleased that you have chosen to study this diverse and hugely important subject.

We follow the AQA Geography specification.

During Year 12 you will study Coasts, Changing Places and prepare for your NEA with Mrs Hirst and Contemporary Urban Environments and Hazards with Mrs Scoles. You will carry out four days of fieldwork in the local area.

There are a number of ways in which you can prepare for the course. You will be expected to develop a working knowledge of current affairs and be able to critically comment on relevant issues. This can be achieved through watching TV news reports, listening to BBC Radio 4 or BBC Radio 5 Live and reading a quality newspaper. Textbooks will be used during lessons. Buying your own copy of these textbooks will support your learning and revision at home, however, it is not essential. I have indicated the textbooks which we use to deliver the AQA A Level Geography course.

AQA Geography A Level and AS Physical Geography Student Book. Oxford University Press.

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AQA Geography A Level and AS: Human Geography Student Book. Oxford University Press.

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When studying geography it is important to be aware of the ‘big questions’ that impact upon our world today. Below is a set of ‘big questions’ for you to consider.

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.

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

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

4. What is a ‘sense of place’? Why is it important in the study of geography?

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

6. Urban areas are better places to live than rural areas. Discuss.

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. Aim to write around 500 words. You may include links, photographs graphs and any other evidence which you think will be useful. Where appropriate use evidence to back up your opinions.

Please arrive at Fakenham Sixth Form well prepared with equipment and a folder including subject dividers, for collating all your geography work and assessment on an ongoing basis. You will also need lined paper, pens and coloured highlighters. Folders will be checked on a half termly basis.

I hope you enjoy your summer break and you achieve success in your GCSE results.  I look forward to meeting you in September.

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