



## NORWICH SCHOOL

### Preparation for A Level Geography

**Overview and aim:**

This preparation for Geography A Level course is designed to teach you content and concepts which you have either not covered, or only covered briefly at GCSE. This course will broaden your geographical understanding giving you more secure and in-depth knowledge ahead of starting your A level. The concepts studied will support the material you will learn over the next two years but are not directly taught or outlined in the CIE A Level specification.

**Focus:**

- A. You will look at two physical geography topics: (Easter to May half term)
  - 1. Glaciated landscapes
  - 2. The Carbon cycle
  
- B. You will look at the human geography of two regions: (May half term to summer holiday)
  - 1. The country of China
  - 2. The continent of Africa

## **Week 1**

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### **Assignment 1 - Title: Preparation for A Level Geography**

For our first week you are completing some introductory tasks. This will help to understand more about you and your writing styles.

**Task 1:** Explain why you want to study Geography for A Level. Approximately 250 words.

**Task 2:** Look at the Royal Geographical Society (RGS) website to get a deeper understanding of the different careers and avenues in education you can take with Geography. Scroll to the bottom of the page and look at the heading 'I am a geographer', 'choose geography at school' and 'choose geography at university' - <https://www.rgs.org/choosegeography/>

**Task 3:** Using the link to the Geographical magazine. Select a magazine from January 2020 to May 2020. Read through the magazine and write a summary of two articles you found particularly interesting or relevant to you. Each summary should be approximately 200 words.

### **Assignment 2 - Title: Geography in the News**

For your second task this week, you are going to look at Geography in the news/media.

**Task:** Create one Word document to contain screen shots (or photos) of six different news articles linked to Geography from the last two months. These can be articles written in March and April 2020.

Instructions:

1. Three of these articles should have a positive/optimistic focus
2. Three of these articles should have a negative/pessimistic focus
3. Try to use newspapers online such as the Independent, Guardian and Times.

We are seeing lots of reports of positive environmental changes in response to reduced boats on the rivers, oceans and seas, and fewer cars and aeroplanes due to the Covid-19 restrictions on travel.

However, there have been negative impacts on the economies due to lack of trade and tourism, in addition, we have also seen things such as natural disasters.

Try to find articles that particularly interest you, they must be current. This a chance for you to broaden your current understanding of what is happening in the world around us, look at human and physical Geography when looking for your article.

## **Weeks 2 & 3**

Assignment 3 - Title: An introduction to Glaciated landscapes

### **Mini essay question: How was the Lake District formed and why is it a valuable glaciated landscape?**

Study the content below, before attempting to answer this question. Your answer to the above question should be approximately 500 words. Use key geographical terminology to demonstrate your understanding. You should use maps, diagrams and graphs, as appropriate, to support your answer and consider the structure of your mini essay to include a clear introduction, main body and conclusion.

\*Remember 'PEEL' (point, evidence, explain and link back to the question).

Content to study:

- BBC Bitesize glaciated landscapes revision material: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztsx2p3>
- Key geographical terms/processes taking place in the formation of glaciated landscapes: <https://pmt.physicsandmathstutor.com/download/Geography/A-level/Notes/Edexcel/2A-Glaciaded-Landscapes-and-Change/Glossary%20of%20Definitions%20-%20Glaciaded%20Landscapes%20and%20Change%20-%20Edexcel%20Geography%20A-level.pdf>
- The formation of glaciated landscapes: <https://pmt.physicsandmathstutor.com/download/Geography/A-level/Notes/Edexcel/2A-Glaciaded-Landscapes-and-Change/Essential%20Notes%20-%20Glaciaded%20Landscapes%20and%20Change%20-%20Edexcel%20Geography%20A-level.pdf>
- Flashcards to check your knowledge of the key processes: <https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/geography-revision/a-level-edexcel/glaciaded-landscapes-and-change/flashcards/>
- Case study of the Lake District: <https://pmt.physicsandmathstutor.com/download/Geography/A-level/Notes/Edexcel/2A-Glaciaded-Landscapes-and-Change/Case-Studies/Lake%20District%20-%20Case%20Study.pdf>

## **Week 4**

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Assignment 4 - Title: An introduction to the Carbon Cycle

### **Mini essay question: How does the carbon cycle work and how can we maintain a balanced carbon cycle?**

Study the content below, before attempting to answer this question. Your answer to the above question should be approximately 350 words. Use key geographical terminology to demonstrate your understanding. You should use maps, diagrams and graphs, as appropriate, to support your answer and consider the structure of your mini essay to include a clear introduction, main body and conclusion.

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Content to study:

- Outline of the carbon cycle:  
<https://pmt.physicsandmathstutor.com/download/Geography/A-level/Notes/Edexcel/6-Carbon-Cycle-and-Energy-Security/Essential%20Notes%20-%20The%20Carbon%20Cycle%20and%20Energy%20Security%20-%20Edexcel%20Geography%20A-level.pdf>
  
- Key geographical terms and processes:  
<https://pmt.physicsandmathstutor.com/download/Geography/A-level/Notes/Edexcel/6-Carbon-Cycle-and-Energy-Security/Glossary%20of%20Definitions%20-%20The%20Carbon%20Cycle%20and%20Energy%20Security%20-%20Edexcel%20Geography%20A-level.pdf>
  
- Flashcards to check your knowledge of the key processes taking place in the carbon cycle:  
<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/geography-revision/a-level-edexcel/carbon-cycle-and-energy-insecurity/flashcards/>
  
- Read through the mini cases studies below to extract relevant information and specific facts to support your answer:
  1. <https://pmt.physicsandmathstutor.com/download/Geography/A-level/Notes/Edexcel/6-Carbon-Cycle-and-Energy-Security/Case-Studies/The%20Importance%20of%20Mangroves%20-%20Case%20Study.pdf>
  2. <https://pmt.physicsandmathstutor.com/download/Geography/A-level/Notes/Edexcel/6-Carbon-Cycle-and-Energy-Security/Case-Studies/Unbalanced%20Carbon%20Cycle%20-%20Case%20Study.pdf>