

Summer Research project

A level Geography

Summer research Project theme – Geography in the news

The main topics that are covered in the AQA A level Geography course are as follows:

1. Water and carbon cycles – This section of our specification focuses on the major stores of water and carbon at or near the Earth's surface and the dynamic cyclical relationships associated with them. These are major elements in the natural environment and understanding them is fundamental to many aspects of physical geography.
2. Coastal systems and landscapes - This section of our specification focuses on coastal zones, which are dynamic environments in which landscapes develop by the interaction of winds, waves, currents and terrestrial and marine sediments. The operation and outcomes of fundamental geomorphological processes and their association with distinctive landscapes are readily observable. In common with water and carbon cycles, a systems approach to study is specified.
3. Hazards – This optional section of our specification focuses on the lithosphere and the atmosphere, which intermittently but regularly present natural hazards to human populations, often in dramatic and sometimes catastrophic fashion.
4. Global systems and governance - This section of our specification focuses on globalisation – the economic, political and social changes associated with technological and other driving forces which have been a key feature of global economy and society in recent decades.
5. Changing places – This section of our specification focuses on people's engagement with places, their experience of them and the qualities they ascribe to them, all of which are of fundamental importance in their lives.
6. Population and the environment - This section of our specification has been designed to explore the relationships between key aspects of physical geography and population numbers, population health and well-being, levels of economic development and the role and impact of the natural environment.

Your task over the summer is to choose one item that has occurred in the news or media that relates to the A level course. You should read and research the item further and be prepared to give a 3 minute presentation at the start of the course in September. You may create a MS PowerPoint slideshow if you like. In your summary you should:

1. Introduce the news item.
2. Describe the sources you have used to collect the information
3. Explain the key elements of the news item that you have researched, you may wish to include pictures or a short video clip.
4. Explain to which unit this news item relates.
5. Explain why you choose this particular news item and why it interests you.

Good luck, have an enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

