



Hoe Valley Sixth Form

Dear student,

Over the summer we want you to complete the following tasks below to help you make a successful transition from GCSE to Sixth Form study. Our summer transition work includes the following 3 elements to help you feel like a pro when your sixth form journey begins!

Preparation

Below are some tasks that will help to introduce you to knowledge required for the start of the course or to consolidate key GCSE level material.

Geography at A-Level is a very dynamic subject and examiners love to see unique essays with current case studies. You will develop many skills over the next two years, one is critical analysis, and over the holidays I would like you to start becoming aware of contemporary issues and develop this skill.

I have provided you with 5 different articles. I would like you to:

1. Read 3 articles, this must include 'A green city for the next generation, not the next election'.
2. Write a synopsis of the article of approximately 250-500 words.
3. Decide which is the biggest issue or most hopeful situation or most challenging situation of the articles you have chosen to read and explain your reasons. How you order your articles is up to you.

The articles which you can pick from are:

- [A green city for the next generation, not the next election](#)
- [Foul waters](#)
- [The great green wall.](#)
- [African energy.](#)
- [Last drops in Bengaluru.](#)

Reading

Below is some essential reading material or some titles that will help you to read around your subject and develop a deeper understanding of the subject, a crucial skill for success in the Sixth Form.

- Core textbook: Pearson Edexcel A Level Geography Book 1 fourth edition. Written by Cameron Dunn, published by Hodder Education.
- Factfulness by Hans Rosling
- Disaster by choice by Ilan Kelman
- Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall
- The Times, The Guardian and The Financial Times frequently publish relevant stories so start to look at these titles. The Guardian publishes all their articles free of charge on the internet.

Organisation

Below are tasks to help you to be organised with your work when you start in September. You will be completing a huge amount of work and to be successful you must keep on top of everything!

Ensure you have a lever arch file and file dividers along with an A4 note pad.

When you start the course you will be provided with a contents sheet which you will use to help organise your work and to ensure you don't miss any contents or homework.

Start to keep a log of interesting articles you read - title, author and source.