



Ripon Grammar School

Dear Student,

We are delighted that you have chosen to study A Level Geography at Ripon Grammar School and look forward to welcoming you to the department in September. Geography is a dynamic and relevant subject that helps you make sense of the world around you. Over the next two years, you will explore a wide range of human and physical geography topics, gain valuable skills in research and analysis, and take part in exciting fieldwork opportunities.

In Year 12, you will study a mix of physical and human geography topics including *The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity*, *Coasts*, *Globalisation*, and *Regenerating Places*. You'll also begin to develop essential geographical skills and start thinking about your individual *Non-Examined Assessment (NEA)*, which is worth 20% of your final grade and submitted in Year 13. Lessons will involve a mixture of discussion, independent research, source analysis, and essay writing. You'll be expected to keep up with current events and use real-world examples to support your understanding of geographical processes and issues.

Over the summer, we ask you to complete a [transition task](#) designed to introduce you to some key themes from the Edexcel Geography specification. This task will involve reading a selection of short articles and responding to an open-ended, evaluative question. This is a chance to demonstrate your ability to research, reflect and develop a written argument – a key skill for success at A Level.

To help you stay engaged with current geographical issues and extend your knowledge, we recommend the following:

- **News Apps** (BBC News, The Guardian, The Conversation, Al Jazeera, National Geographic) – These will help you develop a contemporary understanding of real-world geographical themes such as climate change, inequality, migration, resource conflict and development.
- **PMT Education Website** (Physics & Maths Tutor – Geography section) – This is an excellent online resource offering summary notes and revision materials tailored to the Edexcel course.
- **Revision Guide and Textbook** – A copy of key textbook will be issue, on loan, in September and a recommended Edexcel A Level Geography revision guide will be available to purchase through school in September.

As geographers, it is important to stay curious about the world. In addition to your set task, we encourage you to read widely around key global issues. Keep an eye out for major geographical stories over the summer – whether that's extreme weather, political migration issues, urban change, or the management of fragile environments.

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If you have any questions about the transition work or the course in general, please don't hesitate to email me wainwrightR@ripongrammar.com

We look forward to meeting you and beginning an exciting two years of Geography at RGS.

Best wishes,

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