

WINDSOR SIXTH FORM SUMMER WORK



A Level Geography

To continue your geography interest the geography department would love you to continue to look at items in the news over the summer – via newspapers, TV, radio or the internet – that relate to geography and the topics you will study at A Level:

- Contemporary Urban Environments
- Global Systems and Global Governance
- Changing Places
- Hazards
- Water and Carbon Cycles
- Coasts

You will have four tasks to complete, and each will closely focus on a topic in our course. We study the AQA A Level course so feel free to have a look at the specification to get an idea of exactly what we will be studying. With all topics in geography, it is really important to keep up to date with key events in the news. Try and make this something new that you do over the summer, It is really quick and easy with news apps on your phone!

Task 1: Report of geographical issue in the news

Task 2: Sign up to Google alerts

Task 3: Recent tectonic events

Task 4: Birmingham City Centre – redevelopment of an urban area

Read on for extra detail about each of your tasks!

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Your Summer Tasks for Geography

Task 1: You must complete 1 detailed written report about a current geographical issue in the news (1 A4 page minimum). You should pick one of the three methods below to present your information and analysis:

- A poster, with the articles printed/cut out and tuck in, with your annotations of how they link with geography around them
- A written report, summarising the event/report (in your own words) and how it links with geography
- A written report in which you have copied and pasted the news item, and then added your detailed written interpretation of how it links with geography

Task 2: Sign up to Google alerts

You need to be aware of current global events that are related to the units you will be studying; so look out in the news to do with the topics we are studying. Sign up to Google alerts to make this easier - <https://www.google.co.uk/alerts>

Task 3: Recent tectonic events

Choose two tectonic events (one earthquake and one volcanic) from the list below. Complete the case study summary sheet provided, focusing on causes, impacts and management.

Earthquake events: Haiti 2010; Nepal 2015; Japan 2011; New Zealand 2011

Volcanic events: Montserrat 1997; Iceland 2010; Kilauea/Mauna Loa Hawaii; Mt Merapi 2010

Task 4: Birmingham City Centre as a redeveloped urban area

Produce a 2-page report about Birmingham and its redevelopment as an urban area since 1995. Include:

- What the city centre was like before 1995
- Why it needed regenerating
- How the city council regenerated it – what they actually did, including details about the Bull Ring, Brindley Place, The Mailbox etc.
- How successful the regeneration has been – include statistics and evidence including labelled photos to show how the city centre has improved

