**CTK Aquinas: Preparing for Transition from Key Stage 4 to Key Stage 5**

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| **Subject** | **Qualification** |
| **Geography**  Topic 1 - Globalisation  Topic 2 - Coastal Landscapes and Change  Topic 3 – Diverse Places  Topic 4 -Tectonic Processes and Hazards  Topic 5 -The Water Cycle and Water Insecurities  Topic 6 - The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security  Topic 7 - Superpowers  Topic 8 – Health, Human Rights and Intervention | **A Level**  Exam Board: Pearson Edexcel  4 Components:   1. Paper 1 Physical Geography (30%) 2. Paper 2 Human Geography (30 %) 3. Paper 3 Geographical Skills (20%) 4. Independent Coursework (20%) |
| **Recommended Reading Materials** | **Recommended Websites** |
| * Globalization: A Very Short Introduction - Manfred Steger (2013) * The Power of Geography, Tim Marshall (2021) * Disaster by Choice, by Ilan Kelman (2020) * The Making of the British Landscape - Nicholas Crane (2016) * Geopolitics: A Very Short Introduction - Klaus Dodds (2014) | * To introduce yourself to the specification: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/geography-2016.html> - Pearson * Introduction to the coursework element which includes fieldwork:<https://www.geography-fieldwork.org/a-level/> - FSC * Excellent informative videos about the world and beyond: <https://www.youtube.com/user/Kurzgesagt> * BBC Future – a range of articles on all elements of geography[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/future**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/future) * Useful up to date articles: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/> - National Geographic Magazine * For all things geopolitical (and some economics)   <https://www.economist.com/> - Economist   * Up to date geography news: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/news/earth_climate/geography/> - Science Daily * Interesting articles about the world:<https://www.atlasobscura.com/> - Atlas Obscura |
| **Preparation Tasks** | **Recommended Research** |
| * Visit your local high street / shopping district. How many global TNCs (Transnational Corporations) can you identify? Are there more than independent businesses? Why? * Familiarise yourself with the A Level Geography Specification using the link in the ‘Recommended Websites’ | * Find out about Deptford in Lewisham. Focus on the area around Deptford High Street? What is its maritime and industrial history? What changes took place post WWII to the built environment and the population characteristics? Compare Deptford High Street in the 1990s to the 21st Century. What processes are creating change to the area? What are some issues happening in the area that are important to people? What is the perception of the area among different groups of people? * Was the London 2012 Olympics a success and did it benefit the local people in Stratford? * Research the tectonic history of the UK. Why do we no longer have any active volcanoes? Research the 2023 Turkey-Syria earthquake. What were the causes and impacts? * Why is the East coast of the UK so vulnerable to coastal erosion? |
| **Recommended trips or visits this Summer** | |
| * The Natural History Museum * Greenwich Peninsular – redevelopment, regeneration and placemaking * Stratford; Westfield & Queen Elizabeth Park – regeneration, redevelopment, gentrification and placemaking * Go on an urban wander (with a parent or a friend) in order to experience the place in a different way to you would usually experience it. Wander around taking photos of interesting human and physical geography and how the place is being used and experienced by people. What changes are taking place in your area. * A beach! What landforms of erosion and deposition can you see? Do you notice any coastal defences? Why are they there? How are people using the coastline? | |
| **Tasks to Complete** | |
| * Complete the preparation tasks * Create a report/presentation on the local area where you live. Ensure you include: - A short history of your local place, what was its main industry in the past and how has it changed since? (try not to go back by more than 100 years). - Has your local place been influenced by international businesses? Do you see a lot of TNCs around; have they contributed to the economy of your local place for the better or worse? Think about shopping centres, business districts, markets etc. - What are the demographics of your local place? e.g. population, age, ethnic diversity, income, level of education, employment, deprivation - why do think this trend exists? You can use government census websites to help you such as <https://www.ons.gov.uk/census/maps/> * This activity will aid your understanding of the first two human geography topics you will be studying during your first year; Globalisation & Diverse Places | |