

# Longsands Sixth Form

**Astrea Academy Trust**

## Transition materials for A Level Geography

Welcome to the A Level Geography pack, preparing you for your A level Geography course.

This pack contains a step-by-step programme of activities and resources created to prepare you for the academic demands of A Level Geography study.

All activities are aimed to be used after you complete your GCSE exams and should be completed in stages throughout the remainder of the summer term and over the summer holidays to ensure you are ready to start your course in September.

We look forward to working with you.

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# Introducing A Level Geography

Your exam board is **OCR** and the Year 12 course is divided into two teaching areas, Physical and Human Geography and you will have two teachers. [Specification link](#)

The course is broken down into **3 exams**, sat at the end of Year 13.

You will also complete an independent investigation on a topic of your choice.

Physical Systems Paper	1hour 30 min	Worth 22%
Human Interactions Paper	1hour 30 min	Worth 22%
Geographical Debates Paper	2 hours 30 min	Worth 36%
Independent Investigation	Coursework out of 60 marks	Worth 20%

One of the main attractions of this A Level is the freedom you have to research an idea of your choosing for your independent investigation (NEA). As you go through the first year keep this in mind and be thinking about what parts of the course interest you the most, what would you like to investigate at the end of Year 12?

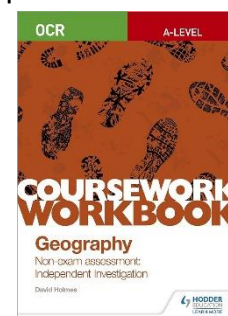
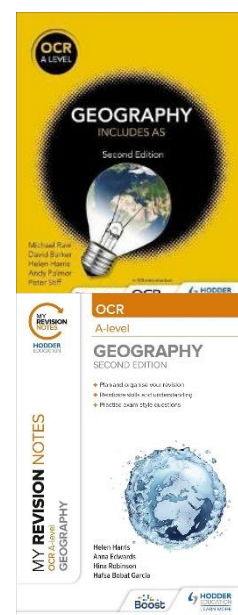
We will have Hodder textbooks you can use in lessons. You do not need to purchase this, but you might find it helpful to purchase a second-hand copy to use at home. (*You need the second edition – available around £12 on Amazon second hand/used*). <https://www.amazon.co.uk/OCR-Level-Geography-Second-Michael/dp/1471858707>

You will need purchase a good quality revision guide for the OCR specification. Current cost £19.99 on Amazon. [LINK](#)

You will need to purchase a NEA workbook for use in the Summer Term of Year 12. Current cost £6.50 on Amazon. [LINK](#)

Please be aware that **fieldwork is a requirement** of the Geography course. You will need to complete **4 days of fieldwork**. There will be a 3-day residential trip to **Snowdonia in the Spring term** of year 12. The trip costs approximately £330 and is designed to train you in a variety of fieldwork techniques which will support your **NEA. The NEA is coursework worth 20%** of your final grade. We will also travel to London for a day in June 2025 to learn more about collecting data in urban environments.

You will begin next year's studies, investigating Glaciated Landscapes and Global Migration. The activities that form this A level preparation work will focus around these two topics.



## Glaciated Landscapes

**Watch:** *What are glaciers?*

<https://youtu.be/mkt-0ZuTKXU?si=uvl0cCQBqBi5xq55>

**Read:** *What is the Cryosphere?*

<https://nsidc.org/learn/what-cryosphere>

**Do:**

- 1) Create a series of annotated diagrams showing a valley before, during and after glaciation.
- 2) Create a detailed, annotated diagram of the cryosphere.

**Bring your annotated diagrams to the first lesson.**

## Human Interactions - Global Migration

At Longsands we follow the Global Migration option for the Global Systems part of the Global Connections Topic. You will explore contemporary patterns of migration and understand why it has become increasingly complex. You will also be exploring the issues associated with unequal flows of global migration.

**Watch:** *Global Institutions: do they still have a role in the 21st century?*

<https://www.youtube.com/live/hkZDYipCRhU?si=ePtIDLUG-jSGOmF>

**Read:** *Geofact Sheet International Migration*

**Do:**

1. What is the primary reason for migration to the UK?
2. Explain the brain-drain effect, using an example.
3. What happened to migration in the Gulf States in the 1990s?
4. What % of the population are under the age of 15 in Sub-Saharan Africa?
5. What impact has Colonial Rule had on immigration?

**We will use your reading answers in the first lesson.**

### Useful optional additional resources

**Video:** The truth about immigration in the UK 2014

[https://youtu.be/MHplEJgevqM?si=aux0f58aOF3xUF\\_Q](https://youtu.be/MHplEJgevqM?si=aux0f58aOF3xUF_Q)

**Video:** Immigration: Is Britain Getting Full? <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/jon-snow-explains/on-demand/61877-004>

**Website:** <http://www.economicshelp.org/blog/6399/economics/impact-of-immigration-on-uk-economy/>

### **Key Terminology to look up.**

*Net Migration*

*Emigration*

*Immigration*

*Economic Migrant*

*Dependency Ratio*