

**Lady Lumley’s School Geography Department**

**GCSE to A Level Transition**

Dear student,

Thank you for expressing an interest in continuing your study of Geography at Lady Lumley’s School. In the department you will be taught by a team of dedicated geographers all with their own fields of expertise.

During Year 12 the following teachers will guide you through the AQA Geography course. Details of the specification can be found using this link – <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level>

**There are six units at A Level:**

***Component 1: Physical geography***

* ***Water and carbon***
* ***Coastal systems***
* ***Hazards***

***Component 2:Human geography***

* ***Global systems and global governance***
* ***Changing places***
* ***Population and the environment***

***NEA***

* ***Independent investigation fieldwork***

*Is geography the course for me?*

* I take an interest in geographical news from around the world
* I am keen to find out about how humans change the environment, interact with the natural world and each other
* I like to learn through decision making and analysis of conflicting ideas
* I can research, plan and complete extended writing independently
* My written work is coherent and detailed.
* I can meet coursework deadlines and work under a lot of pressure
* I am an independent learner and I read around the topics I study in class
* I am prepared to work hard to close any gaps in my knowledge
* I am enthusiastic in class and love to participate in discussions

**If you recognised yourself in many of these statements then this may be a suitable course for you and we look forward to seeing you in September.**

**Mrs Pye**

**Head of Geography**

**Task to complete before your first Geography lesson**

Are we wrong about the world? Challenging our misconceptions of our world!

1. **Complete the quiz on the link here** [**Test - Factfulness Quiz**](https://factfulnessquiz.com/)

**Record your score \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. **Which questions did you get wrong?**
2. **Why do you think you got those questions wrong? E.g.**
3. **Visit** [**Gapminder**](https://www.gapminder.org/) **website and explore the themes of the questions you got wrong by completing the table below**

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| Question | What percentage of people got this wrong? | Why is it a problem that people get this wrong? | What is the truth behind the misconception? |
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1. **Explore these tools on Gapminder** [**Gapminder Tools**](https://www.gapminder.org/tools/#$chart-type=bubbles&url=v2)

**Pick two themes that interest you and explore the videos and graphs. Explain your learning below**

Theme 1

Theme 2

1. **Pick three books, articles or podcasts to have a look**
* **Explain what you have learnt**
* **Why it is interesting to you**
* **How it could link to the units we study at A level**

Check out our Padlet of curated resources for A level success [A level independent learning resources](https://padlet.com/apye3/a-level-independent-learning-resources-l9znrvey5kommajl)

Factfulness by Hans Rosling [Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About The World - And Why Things Are Better Than You Think : Rosling, Hans, Rosling, Ola, Rosling Rönnlund, Anna: Amazon.co.uk: Books](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Factfulness-Reasons-Wrong-Things-Better/dp/147363749X/ref%3Dsr_1_1?crid=1SIG9PX104ASL&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.PNIe5QYeSCxZ1_DJt0uVOHvaNwq5Y7nVcOxPeZuOjtrB_bu2PYplGD1pzzwdAdH_xvf2UbYJ42-p3tRqbVtV0GLsevwwX7CkKQn4ahW3xvPMuptlNjJdS6qLIWEN70hic7yTUyuwVjZIFhjQUrh-Pcq9AMrKlMhhTQZsXLGVo-LbiVkmwTGodNzGgXW1YUe7dEjI5YpNVYHsXBz7X8ab8A-n0mSDMEqfoUTLqv9zCJ8.WCw5rsZ7wTkdmo4zY6o9gHF3fXPztn5A6rSJhoggirw&dib_tag=se&keywords=factfulness&qid=1750330741&sprefix=factfulness%2Caps%2C78&sr=8-1)

Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall [Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps That Tell You Everything You Need to Know About Global Politics - The #1 Sunday Times Bestseller: Amazon.co.uk: Tim Marshall: 9781783962433: Books](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Prisoners-Geography-Everything-Global-Politics/dp/1783962437/ref%3Dsr_1_4?crid=2900EWT789VSJ&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.RVXlvDCBzCowzKjPEhtJIgZH86xklIc9UOPqVBysiBxStrW2BrYhxJp4GYfNa-M4G-D6YyegrbrQwP_y-Pc96lsk0QJoSJWMItMeYpjlV0RPB1PaQAs6u-sjXpSa6S_JX2v713PpOZHaTzK0bsfsdv-qzg8K5H0NB9deklY3-IbnbxG5Lrk2IVQlMQiCCbsl8XuvtrR4X6G0e46ek7GcI9OY1DoiUUOMhz2c5eEBm7k.a4FmWqkgNOLmXR3JR29d5j0YNFe33At_Ais2HGuZgvk&dib_tag=se&keywords=prisoners+of+geography&qid=1750330778&sprefix=prisoners+of+geography%2Caps%2C94&sr=8-4)

The Food Programme podcast on BBC sounds [BBC Sounds - The Food Programme - Available Episodes](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/b006qnx3)