

YEAR 11 INTO 12 SUMMER TRANSITION TASK

GEOGRAPHY

Qualification/Level	A-Level
Examination Board	AQA
Hand into:	Miss Jones, Mr Howe or Mrs Warr
Duration:	5 hours

We expect students joining the Sponne School to complete a transition piece of work for each subject between the end of Key Stage 4 and the start of Key Stage 5. This is assessed and feedback will be given to students in September. The following tasks are to be completed over the summer break and brought to your ***first lesson***.

The Task:

Carry out an independent fieldwork investigation into an aspect of Geography which interests you. It should:-

- contain no more than 1000 words, including all text, tables, figures and headings.
- be produced on a computer, finished and printed out ready for the first lesson back.
- be entirely your own work.

You must not base your fieldwork investigation on regeneration or sand dunes (GCSE fieldwork).

Section 1: Introduction and Hypotheses

First read this webpage: <https://www.geography-fieldwork.org/a-level/before-starting/planning/aims-and-hypotheses/>

Use the guidance on the website above to help you decide on your general theme (e.g. 'rural hierarchies'), then come up with **1** hypothesis that you are going to investigate and test.

Section 2: Risk Assessment

It is very important that you do not put your safety at risk whilst carrying out fieldwork.

Please note: DO NOT carry out any fieldwork involving water (e.g. rivers, ponds, lakes, the sea), and if you are working near roads always act safely and sensibly.

Please create and complete a 'Risk Assessment Table' like this, it should include **between 3 and 5** hazards:-

HAZARD	WHOM MIGHT BE HARMED?	RISK (WHAT HARM MIGHT BE CAUSED?)	INITIAL RISK RATING (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH)	CONTROL MEASURES	FINAL RISK RATING (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH)
Crossing road	Student	Road traffic accident	Medium	Use zebra crossings. Look	Low

				both ways twice.	
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Section 3: Methods of Data Collection

Read through the following webpage. It describes a range of fieldwork techniques you could use:

<https://mrsgeographyblog.wordpress.com/2017/01/13/eighty-fieldwork-techniques/>

You will need to create and complete a 'Methods of Data Collection Table', describing and justifying the **primary fieldwork** methods you will use in your investigation. You must carry out **2 primary methods**; these should be included in your table and used in your analysis section. You should consider what the most appropriate fieldwork methods are and whether secondary research is necessary to help you address your investigation question.

NAME OF TECHNIQUE (Method?)	METHODOLOGY (What will I do? / How will it work?)	JUSTIFICATION (How does it help you test your hypothesis?)
Questionnaire	I will ask 20 randomly-selected people to complete my survey	Local people should have experience & knowledge of changes in the area

Section 4: Presentation of Data

Please read: <https://www.geography-fieldwork.org/a-level/before-starting/data-presentation/>

In this section you should present the results of your primary fieldwork and secondary research. This could take the form of graphs, charts, field sketches, annotated photos, annotated maps & GIS maps. As with your methods, you should consider what the most appropriate methods are.

Please note: you are not expected to provide written analysis of your results in this section.

Section 5: Analysis and Conclusions

Please read: Follow the guidance on this webpage carefully, <https://www.geography-fieldwork.org/gcse/before-starting/conclusions/> to analyse your results (what are the trends? What does it show? Any outliers?) and conclude whether or not you have proven or disproven your hypothesis.

This should be the majority of your writing.

Section 6: Evaluation

You should explain any issues with your fieldwork techniques **and** any issues with your data presentation. **You should also consider the impact these have on the reliability of your conclusion.**

Section 7: Bibliography and Appendices

This section should contain the following sub-sections:-

Sources of Secondary Data: This should be a list of all the sources you have used which you did not produce yourself. It should include any websites, books, articles, maps, photos etc. you have used.

Appendices: You are NOT required to include appendices, but you may wish to include a **small selection** of the raw data you have collected, **only if** you have referred to it in your investigation.

Other useful web resources (please copy & paste these URLs into your browser search bar):-

www.geography.org.uk/download/GA_P16Conf10Pointon.ppt

<http://www.metlink.org/experimentsdemonstrations/>