

Geography Preparations Summer 2023

Over the summer holidays you should take the opportunity to laying down foundations for your Geography A Level. We want you to foster your interest in geographical issues and encourage you to view yourself as engaged global citizen.

It is essential that you keep abreast of what is happening in the world beyond the gates of Dauntsey's: to that end, reading quality newspapers (e.g. The Guardian app is free), watching the news (C4 news and Newsnight) and documentaries (variety on Netflix, Amazon Prime, etc) all feeds into your overall knowledge and understanding of an array of contemporary dynamic Geographical issues.

Here are a few documentaries and podcasts for you to watch/ listen to.

1. HyperNormalisation by Adam Curtis –

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p04b183c/hypernormalisation>



We live in a time of great uncertainty and confusion. Events keep happening that seem inexplicable and out of control. Donald Trump, Brexit, the War in Syria, the endless migrant crisis, random bomb attacks. And those who are supposed to be in power are paralysed – they have no idea what to do.

This film is the epic story of how we got to this strange place. It explains not only why these chaotic events are happening – but also why we, and our politicians, cannot understand them. It shows that what has happened is that all of us in the West – not just the politicians and the journalists and the experts, but we ourselves – have retreated into a simplified, and often

completely fake version of the world. But because it is all around us we accept it as normal. But there is another world outside. Forces that politicians tried to forget and bury forty years ago – that then festered and mutated – but which are now turning on us with a vengeful fury. Piercing though the wall of our fake world.

2. Big Oil Versus the World

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p0cgqlv1/big-oil-v-the-world-series-1-1-denial>



The story of what the fossil fuel industry knew about climate change more than four decades ago. Scientists who worked for the biggest oil company in the world, Exxon, reveal the warnings they sounded in the 1970s and early 1980s about how fossil fuels would cause climate change – with potentially catastrophic effects. Drawing on thousands of newly discovered documents, the film goes on to chart in revelatory and forensic detail how the oil industry went on to mount a campaign to sow doubt about the science of climate change, the consequences of which we are living through today. 2022 is set to be a year of unprecedented climate chaos across the planet. As the world's leading climate scientists on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change issue new warnings about climate change and the soaring cost of fuel highlights the world's ongoing dependence on fossil fuels, this series details exactly how we got here.

3. Costing the Earth podcasts

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006r4wn>



A series of programmes about our impact on the environment. Take your pick!

Earth Life Support Systems.

Please watch the video below to learn the key terms of Water Cycle and the Hydrological Cycle.

WATER CYCLE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3G2z7z9XBU>



CARBON CYCLE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKMTaJCJ6Ww>

