



Independent Learning in A Level Geography



After each lesson, in addition to completing any set work, a pro-active, independent learner would...

- Ensure that notes are completed and up-to-date in their exercise books.
- Make a list of things not fully understood and discuss with a peer or a teacher *before* the next lesson.
- Ensure that they act on feedback and purple pen their marked work.
- Make use of the PLC at the front of their exercise book to match the content of the specification against lesson notes/content to ensure that all points are covered.
- Create a glossary of key words for each of the topics.
- Read the relevant section in the textbook and add any additional notes to class notes.
- Try to summarise the content of the lesson in note or diagrammatic format to diagnose lack of understanding (also useful as a revision aid).
- At the end of each enquiry question create a mind map to review the content, adding synoptic links throughout.
- Maintain a list of learning points from reviewed/marked work and regularly review this list.
- Look for sample questions on areas of weakness where mistakes were made in classwork, homework or a test, and plan or write the answer.
- Read the textbook chapter on the next topic before the next lesson.

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Effort grade

Resources to help you study

Most key resources, such as the specification for your course, sample and past exam papers, and extra reading can be found in Handouts\Geography\Year 12 and 13. You also have access to a course text book; use this and use the links provided in there to find extra reading.

Resource	Description
Past papers and sample papers in Handouts.	Using these and the marks schemes are vital for helping with exam technique.
Examiners reports	As these become available they are put on Handouts. They are useful for highlighting the pitfalls from past exams, helping you to avoid making the same mistakes.
Geofactsheets	These are available on Handouts. They provide useful and up to date case study information on some of the key topics.
GeoFiles	These can be accessed through your Kerboodle log in or via Handouts. Again they are full of useful case study information.
<i>Geography Review</i> magazine	A useful journal full of case study information, fieldwork support and advice for exam technique. These can be borrowed from MLY; key articles have also been scanned and are in Handouts.

Stretch yourself

Keep a file of Geography in the news that supports the learning that you are doing in class. Discuss current events with family and friends. Watch relevant documentaries/programmes on TV, such as *Panorama* and *Horizon*.