



A Level Environmental Science

Pre-course work



Pre-course expectations

Success in Sixth Form is largely a function of the amount and quality of independent study you carry out; here's a chance to help you get the very best start to your course. We would like you to complete the work described below and hand it in to your teacher in your first lesson in September. If you have made a late change to your timetable, please complete this work within the first week of starting the course. The work should take you 2-3 hours.

Details of pre-course work

We would like you to go hunting for a News item/report/book or similar about an environmental science topic that interests you. Engaging in wider reading is known to be very beneficial for one's studies. Complete the following headings and be prepared to chat about the item at the beginning of term.

- Topic/ Title / News Item
- Where you initially read it and date it was written (if you can print it, please do)
- Summarise the topic/item/issue in 200-400 words
- Why does this interest you?
- Is there any information or reliable sources that contradict your information?

Resources to help with this

Obviously, the internet is good place to start. We would recommend the following sites, but the internet is a big place, follow your own leads

<http://www.ted.com>

<http://www.britishtscienceassociation.org/>

<http://www.noaa.gov/>

<http://www.greenpeace.org>

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science_and_environment

Stretch yourself

The environmental movement started in the 1960 with a very famous book called Silent Spring written by Rachel Carson. I strongly recommend you read a copy. It might also be worth finding out about a person called James Lovelock and the Gaia theory. They might just change the way you think for ever.