An armchair introduction to A-Level geography: Week 1

Geographers are curious about the world around them. We are always asking questions and recognise that there is rarely a simple answer to the complex challenges our world faces. We also understand that 'our world' can mean many different things to different people. Right now, our world is a combination of the 'local' and 'essential', yet at the same time the global perspective has never been more important.

The geography department would love you to take an hour or two each week to browse the resources that we will send you links to. Each week, I will select a theme that relates to the A-level course you will begin in the Autumn Term. This isn't about formal study or answering exam style questions. It's an opportunity to explore some resources and ignite your curiosity. You are not expected to understand everything (or even much at all), but you will hopefully see/read/hear things that will make you think and want to know more.

You are not expected to make notes and there is no requirement to purchase resources.

This week I have provided a link to an article written by Danny Dorling. Here is a link to his twitter page:

https://twitter.com/dannydorling?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor

You will see I have been influenced by the title of this article when you click on it. He wrote it shortly after the news that the 2020 exam season was 'cancelled' and it is primarily aimed at year 13 students. I think it's a brilliant read for geographers of all ages as it contains a number of links to data sites that help us to explore the theme of 'Inequalities'. There's a lot to explore and you don't need to look at everything- find something that looks interesting and go for it. Remember that this is about exploring, which is very different to understanding, so if it gets confusing just stop and look at something else. Here's the link:

https://geographical.co.uk/opinion/item/3645-an-armchair-alternative-to-a-level-geography-danny-dorling

Enjoy!

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