

PARENTS CAN HELP TOO

Your child will be given a booklet for each topic they do in Year 10 Geography. The booklets should be stored safely in a slim file. Check the standard of presentation in the booklet. To help keep presentation neat, it would be useful if your son/daughter had a few colouring pencils in his/her pencil case. Booklets should also be up-to-date with no gaps. The PowerPoint used in class to help teach each topic will be made available in the 'Year 10 All Geography' Google classroom. If there are gaps in your son/daughter's booklet, you may be able to help them catch up using the relevant PowerPoint. At the front of each booklet is a page with specific details of what is taught in that topic and you can use this to help your son/daughter revise for tests and exams. The following topics, also listed in the 'Big Picture' your child will have, are taught in Year 10 Geography.

CLIMATE

- * Weather has already been covered in Year 8 so keep watching the forecast with your son/daughter. Build up an appreciation of how temperature and rainfall conditions vary throughout the year and between different parts of the BI.
- * Encourage awareness of climatic conditions in other parts of the world when an opportunity arises.

ECOSYSTEMS

- * The world's ecosystems are the subject of some excellent television programmes. Encourage your son/daughter to watch these.
- * Be aware of the threats to ecosystems (the rainforest in particular is often in the news) and discuss these with your son/daughter.
- * If in the south of England visit the Eden Project but don't forget the Palm House in Botanic Gardens.

EUROPE

- * There has been and will continue to be considerable coverage of the UK's relationship with the EU in the news – draw the attention of your son/daughter to such stories.
- * Be aware of the movement of people both into Europe and within Europe, also much discussed in the news.

NATURAL HAZARDS

- * As with ecosystems there are some excellent television programmes on natural hazards – encourage your son/daughter to watch them.
- * Be aware of natural hazards in the news, especially earthquakes and volcanoes.
- * The USGS web site gives information on all current earthquakes/volcanoes, including those not making the news.
- * Remember local volcanic scenery – Slemish and the Causeway of course but also the Ring of Gullion.

GLOBAL CITIZENS

- * Watch a world population clock from an internet site.
- * The gap between the More and Less Economically Developed Countries is highlighted now in so many ways – news stories, the work of charity organisations, fundraising events such as Red Nose Day or Sport Relief. There should be no problem raising your child's awareness of our divided world.
- * Discuss with your child how water is supplied to and used in your home – perhaps visit a NI reservoir such as the Silent Valley. Contrast this with the lack of water in LEDCs e.g. view the website of the Water Aid charity.
- * Identify Fairtrade products on a visit to the supermarket or the use of Fairtrade products in cafes.

GLOBAL WARMING

- * This is extensively covered in the media – be prepared to discuss such a high profile global issue with your child.