**SUMMER TASKS – GCSE TO A-LEVEL TRANSITION**

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| **Subject: Geography** |
| **Title: Changing Places** |
| **Task(s):**  **Places**  The first module you will study in Geography is the Changing Places module, which looks at how places are defined, how they differ from each other and what factors distinguish different places. These tasks are designed to give you a head start in understanding the terms and ideas we will be studying.  Task 1: The character of your place  For the first task we would like you to write about your place (your home city/town/village – not necessarily where you live now, if you have moved) and what makes it distinct from other places. This might be **physical factors** (a river or stream, whether it is on a hill or a flat plain, the age and type of buildings in the area), or it might be **human factors** (the number of people, the ages of people, whether they were born in the place or moved there).  Every place has distinct features, even if you think they haven’t! You should write between half a page and a page on the features of your place, and what makes it different to other places.  Task 2: Insiders vs Outsiders  An idea we discuss in Changing Places are the concepts of **insider vs. outsider** perspectives on a place. An insider is someone who feels they belong in a place, and who feels comfortable and safe. Outsiders, on the other hand, don’t feel they belong in a place and may feel uncomfortable or even threatened. Why might this be? Write a paragraph on why people may feel like insiders or outsiders in a particular place.  If you want any help with this, see the following link:  <https://www.coolgeography.co.uk/advanced/Insider_Outsider_Perspectives_Place.php>  Write or type your answers and bring them to the first lesson of Geography in September. |
| **How long should I spend on this? This should take about 1 to 1½ hours at most** |
| **How will I get feedback? Written feedback will be given in September** |
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