

Geography Transition and Research Tasks

Dear student,

I hope that you have already accessed the '[Bridging the Gap](#)' work on the website. If not, please do look before you read the following. The areas below will best prepare you for your studies, but you will have seen the first two on the Bridging the Gap page.

All research and background-based work on three key topic areas; Globalisation and the Global Economy, Urban Regeneration in the UK and Integrated Coastal Zone Management

1. What are the roles of organisations (World Bank, International Monetary Fund, World Trade Organisations) and governments (through trade blocs such as EU, NAFTA, ASEAN) in promoting free trade and neo-liberal economic policies? Who controls these institutions? Does this matter? Does it influence their policies and what effect have they had on the world? What does neo-liberalism mean in the first place?
2. Research Birmingham City Council's "Big Plan" – how they are regenerating and rebranding Birmingham beyond the Bull Ring and other flagship projects such as the Central Library and Grand Central Train Station.
3. Build a case study of the Holderness Coastline in Yorkshire. What is its geology and coastal features? Where and why is it eroding rapidly and what issues is this causing and why? What management strategies are in place, where are these strategies and what are they designed to do? How does this link to the Shoreline Management Plan for this stretch of coastline (also find out what a Shoreline Management Plan is and why we now manage the coast in zones rather than small areas)? What is the East Riding Council's Coastal Change Fund and how does this compliment the Shoreline Management Plan?

We look forward to seeing you in September.

The Geography Department