**SCHOOL DIRECT DISTANCE SECONDARY PROGRAMME  
PGCE PROGRAMME 2023-24**

**PREPARATORY READING**

See below for our recommended reading. Your Lead School will suggest further ideas.

**General Secondary**

**Key Text:** Capel S, Leask M, and Younie S. (2019) *Learning to Teach in the Secondary School. 8th edition.* Abingdon: Routledge.

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**Secondary Geography**

Biddulph, M. Lambert, D. & Balderstone, D. (2021) *Learning to Teach Geography in the Secondary School, 4th edition.* Abingdon: Routledge.

Jones, M. (Ed.) (2017) *The Handbook of Secondary Geography.* TheGeographical Association.

**Secondary Curriculum Content:**

Please also familiarise yourself with developments in the National Curriculum for Geography by visiting: <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/teachingandlearning/curriculum/nationalcurriculum2014>.

It is essential that you begin to consider the current GCSE and A Level examinations in your subject. Visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/gcse-subject-content> and <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/gce-as-and-a-level-subject-content> and search for your subject area.

It would also be helpful to find out from your home school which examination board they use for GCSEs in your subject. Visit the exam board website and look at some past papers to familiarise yourself with the level of subject knowledge required. Popular exam boards are:

AQA: [www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk/)

Edexcel: [www.edexcel.com](http://www.edexcel.com/)

OCR: [http://www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk/)

If you find that you need to refresh your subject knowledge in particular topics, any recent GCSE and A Level textbook or revision guide will help you to do this. Work out the best way to ‘capture’ your revision (mind maps, lists, notes, answering sample questions, etc.) and keep a record of any work that you do so that it will be easy to refer to this if needed during the year ahead.