Geography: Transition 11-12 Task Summer 2020 (For Mr. Wallace’s Unit)

**Compare and Contrast two cities in a three/four side written report not including images, graphs, maps or tables.**

Select two cities. One needs to be successful (a boom city) the other less successful (a city of decline)- the judgement of these definitions is up to you. For each city:

1. Using data/information/news and media stories to show how successful each city is- economically, socially, environmentally and culturally.
2. Then illustrate these characteristics using subheadings:

**Economic Landscape (How does the place make money? On the other hand, why is its economy failing?)**

**Social Characteristics (what is life like for the people? Are they healthy? Educated? Live in strong communities? Are they safe? Is it an “equal” city?)**

**Environmental Situation (this could be pollution, green space but don’t forget it could be about the built environment. Is the city sustainable?)**

**Cultural Features (Is the life of the city, the identity of the people important? Are the cultures and identities of all residents important?)**

**Politics and Equality (Is it democratic? Are all people valued equally?)**

You might consider specific successful development schemes to illustrate some or one of the above. Images, graphs and maps should be used.

Do you need to do all of the above? No, this is a guide, you could focus on one or two areas in great detail and not mention others- try to explore and engage with what you find most interesting.

Where should you pick?

More sensible to select two cities in the developed world, although not necessarily in the same country. Please do not select: Cardiff, London or Sheffield in the UK, Detroit or New York in the USA.

Obvious choices might include for successful cities: San Francisco or Seattle in the United States, Berlin or Munich in Germany, Bristol in the UK, Barcelona in Spain or any of the Nordic capitals.

Less successful: Much of the deindustrialised developed world: Sunderland or Middlesbrough, Cleveland, Buffalo or Baltimore, cities in Eastern Germany.

I am happy for you to choose, the above are a guide- if its interesting then do it!

TOP TIP:

Do not make a coffee table guide to the city, with lots of facts about what is there or what it is like (although some of this is relevant) your aim is to illustrate and explain the cities success or lack of it. Be ready with this first lesson back in September and be prepared to talk about what you have learnt.