

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 25 students spanning across years 7,8 and 9 met to take part in a Geography Saturday Stretch session. We welcomed Aditi Arora, a Geography undergraduate in her second year of study at Southampton University. Aditi began by explaining and describing how she ended up a budding geographer:

*“It all started during my GCSEs when I scored 100% in my human geography exam therefore I thought I’d take it for A level. I became a member of the Royal Geographical Society where I attended lectures and regularly read the FT, National Geographic Magazine and kept up to date with general affairs.*

*During my time studying, I realised how geography is a discipline that it is constantly evolving and is present everywhere and every day. Furthermore, it spans multiple disciplines which meant I could study other subjects within Geography that I really enjoyed such as Economic Geography, Geographies of Wellbeing and Cultural Geographies.*

*I did Geography, Maths, Economics and French at A level as well as gaining a qualification in Finance and achieved 5 As overall. I am a huge advocate of ‘smart’ working i.e. that quality of work has a much greater impact than quantity of hours put in. I have always been extremely busy having played most girls sports and toured internationally in Hockey and Netball as well as performing dances nationally and playing hockey for Essex. This was only all possible because I ensured that the hours I had available to study were all of high productivity!”*



Helpfully, Aditi explained the key differences between human and physical geography; both courses that universities commonly offer. She detailed that under the umbrella term of Human Geography you would be likely to cover modules in Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Anthropology, Globalisation and Social Justice, Welfare and Rights. If you were to opt for Physical Geography you would study such units as Maths, Geology, Environmental Science and The Earth System. It was helpful to know the key differences between the two and helped cement the students’ understanding of Geography at degree level.

Aditi went on to talk about the possible career paths available at the end of a degree in Geography and talked more about some of the invaluable transferable skills she has learned from studying the discipline, to include:

- Good communication and strong presentational skills
- Independent Researching
- Time Management
- Excellent Writing Skills
- Producing and Interpreting Maps
- Fieldwork techniques



Lastly, the session concluded with a very active challenge; each group was charged with the task of blowing up a balloon and creating the world with a marker. Students had to draw from their geographical knowledge to correctly place continents and countries. Students were given extra marks for adding in famous landmarks.



Each group presented their world and special mention goes to Kisanth Ravi, Jay Amin and Zafirah Bhatti in year 7 who blew the year 8s and 9s out of the water with their presentational skills! They had correctly placed all countries and landmarks as well as delivering an engaging and impressive presentation.

The session was a great success and certainly equipped the students with a more comprehensive view of Geography beyond Isaac Newton Academy.

When asked the question 'do you think the session was helpful?' some students said:

*"Yes because I was told about the process of going to university and it has helped me plan my future."*

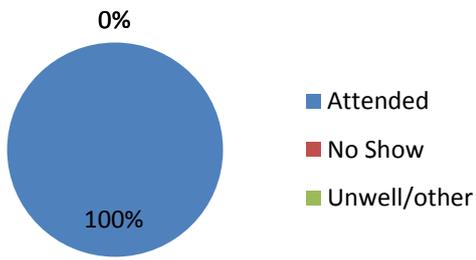
*"Yes, I learnt about the responsibilities that come with university and the skills I need".*

When asked if the session had prompted them to consider studying this subject at university some students said:

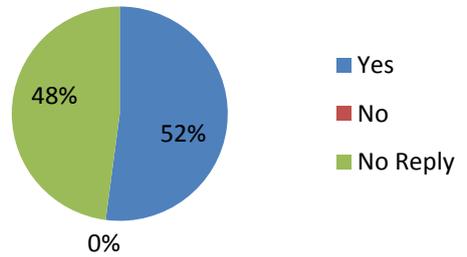
*"Yes because it seems really fun and enjoyable- at first I didn't think so!"*

*"Yes, I didn't realise there were so many different job opportunities from studying it".*

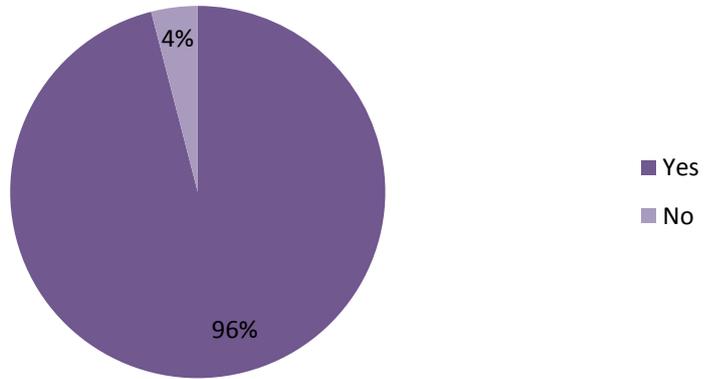
### Student Attendance Data



### Student Invitation Response Data



### Do you think the session was helpful?



### Has this session made you consider studying this subject at university?

