

Ampleforth College Geography department Culture Week newsletter

The Geography department recommend the following reads:



Mrs Cook for KS3:

Chinese Cinderella – Adeline Yen Mah
Malala, my story of standing up to girls' rights – Malala Yousafi
Windrush Child – Benjamin Zephaniah

Mr Macdonald for KS4:

The Horse boy – Rupert Isaacson
The Grapes of Wrath – John Steinbeck

Mrs Graham and Mrs Dent for KS5:

Invisible women - Caroline Criado Perez
Kite Runner and A Thousand Splendid Suns – Khaled Hosseini

Cultural viewing:



The Horse Boy (film)
Eurovision (film)
BBC iPlayer – Mumbai: Streets of Gold
Simon Reeve – South America
Channel 4's Unreported World.

World Bog Snorkelling Championships — Wales, UK

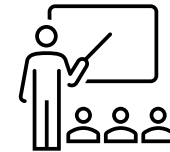
Bog snorkelling originated as a sport in Llanwrtyd Wells in 1976, and the annual August championship has been running since 1985. Armed with a snorkel and flippers, participants must complete two consecutive lengths in a 60-yard trench of water cut through a peat bog, relying only on their flippers to push them through. Hundreds travel to Wales from around the world to take part in this unusual sporting event.



Cultural events in March

- 1st St David's day
- 8th International Women's day
- 11th Ramadan
- 17th St Patrick's day
- 21st International recognition day for the elimination of racial discrimination (resulting from the fight against Apartheid in South Africa)
- 25th Holi, the festival of colour.
- 29th Good Friday
- 31st Easter Sunday

Culture in the Curriculum: Culture, diversity, identity and inclusivity are a big part of the Geography Curriculum. Look what the students are learning this year:



Year 7: Students have been learning about globalisation. This has involved finding about how we share cultures, information and ideas around the world.

Year 8: Students have been learning about the Almighty dollar, how what buy impacts the rest of the world and how, as a result, cultures and identities are changing.

Year 9 – Have learnt about Superpowers this year and how a country's ideology and cultural beliefs can influence their journey to becoming a Superpower (the pillars of power)

Year 10 and 11 – Students in these years have been learning about inequalities and diversity in both their Urban Challenges and Economic World topics as part of their AQA course.

Year 12 and 13 – Students in these groups have been looking at our changing world and in particular identity and sovereignty as well as our complex connections around the world.



Cheung Chau Bun Festival — Cheung Chau, Hong Kong

Participants historically raced up a tower of buns to grab the highest bun, which would bring them the best fortune. The annual festival dates back to the 18th century and marks the eighth day of the fourth month in the Chinese calendar, which coincides with the celebration of Buddha's birthday. The event's official bun supplier, Kwok Kam Kee, makes more than 60,000 buns for the bun festival.



Monkey Buffet Festival — Lopburi, Thailand

The local monkey population of around 2,000-3,000 in the Lopburi Province north of Bangkok is gifted with a feast of 4,000 kilograms of fruits, vegetables, cakes, and candies every November. After the monkeys are given their treat, youths dressed up as monkeys perform dances.

