

# Geography (AQA)

## Getting Ready for Geography



**We are really pleased that you are planning to study Geography at A level at SWCHS.**

To be a great geographer, you will need to develop the ability to think synoptically, being able to see the greater overview and how everything we study in Geography links together. Geography is not just about studying people and landscapes, it is also the relationships that exists between people and their environment.

### How can I develop as a Geographer before September?

Below are some links to podcasts, websites, books and even films which provide a great way of staying inspired and engaging with Geography. Wider reading in Geography is extremely important and the key to achieving highly.

#### **Podcasts**

**Costing the Earth** - There are some great podcasts here to pick from on a wide variety of geographical issues. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006r4wn/episodes/player> (many topics including climate change, carbon, urban greening, deforestation, alternative powers, plastics etc)



#### **Royal Geographical Society – ‘Ask the Geographer podcasts’**

<https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/ask-the-expert-podcasts/> - a fantastic set of podcasts to keep A Level studies up to date with the latest geographical research = pick out some that interest you.

#### **Links to general podcasts**

<https://eternalexploration.wordpress.com/2016/01/04/top-10-podcasts-for-geography-students/> - this has a number of different links to geography podcast, specifically targeted to Geography students. Definitely recommend the TED talks.



#### **Videos**

**Time for Geography** – There are lots of great video clips and other resources on this website.

The Carbon Cycle [https://timeforgeography.co.uk/videos\\_list/carbon-cycle/](https://timeforgeography.co.uk/videos_list/carbon-cycle/)

Coastal Systems [https://timeforgeography.co.uk/videos\\_list/coasts/](https://timeforgeography.co.uk/videos_list/coasts/)

Climate Change [https://timeforgeography.co.uk/videos\\_list/climate-change/](https://timeforgeography.co.uk/videos_list/climate-change/)

Plate Tectonics [https://timeforgeography.co.uk/videos\\_list/plate-tectonics/](https://timeforgeography.co.uk/videos_list/plate-tectonics/)

**SENECA** – Sign up to SENECA (you may have already used this at GCSE) and search for: Geography AQA A Level Preparation Summer 2020. Complete the GCSE Refresher and the A Level Taster course.



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## Books

If you are into reading both fiction and non-fiction, why not try some Geographically themed books...



## Geographical Documentaries:

There are some great geographical documentaries which will help develop your general geographical knowledge and understanding and help you see what an amazing world we live in.

The following are all available on iPlayer:

**David Attenborough Box Sets** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p06m42d9> There are 9 amazing boxsets available on iPlayer from David Attenborough exploring our amazing world.

**The Americas with Simon Reeve** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m00095p0/the-americas-with-simon-reeve> The first episode in Alaska/Canada is particularly good for Resource Security looking at energy.

**Simon Reeve around the World** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p06rrnmk> The Russia series is really interesting.

**Britain Underwater: Fighting the floods** <https://www.itv.com/hub/britain-underwater-fighting-the-floods/7a0157>

**Joanna Lumley's Hidden Caribbean: Havana to Haiti** <https://www.itv.com/hub/joanna-lumleys-hidden-caribbean-havana-to-haiti/2a7578>

**Race across the World** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000g6nt/race-across-the-world-series-2-episode-1>

**Andrew Marrs Megacities** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b011qmc1/episodes/guide>

**Trumps War on the Border** <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/trumps-war-on-the-border>

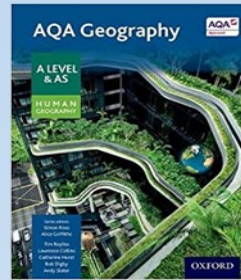
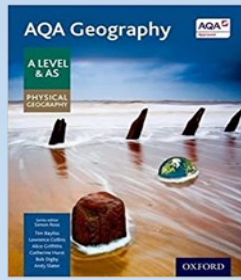
**Dispatches** <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/dispatches/on-demand/67256-001>



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## Pre Reading

During A Level Geography you will study Water & Carbon Cycles, Natural Hazards, Coastal Systems, Population & the Environment, Changing Places and Global Governance. Why not get ahead of the game and get yourself a copy of the two textbooks? Reading up on the topics before the course starts will be excellent preparation!



Below are some additional suggestions of reading materials to prepare you for A Level study:

### Water and Carbon:

[Water and Carbon Revision](#) – A really good overview of what the course is about and some of the information you will learn next year.

An introduction in to the [Water Cycle](#)

An introduction in to the [Carbon Cycle](#)

An introduction into the [Carbon Cycle](#) - a good Geofile which introduces you to the carbon cycle.

[Water and Carbon Overview](#) – a piece of work from the Royal Geographical Society that summarises the course

### Documentary on Climate change:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0009drg/panorama-climate-change-what-can-we-do>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m00049b1/climate-change-the-facts>

### News Articles on Climate Change

### Coasts:

[Coasts Revision](#) – A really good overview of what the course is about and some of the information you will learn next year.

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/geography-revision/a-level-aqa/coastal-systems-landscapes/>- some good links to other reading for the subject.

Geofile on [Sediment Cells, Waves Types and Tides](#) – a good understanding of what the coastal system is made up of.

Geofile on different [Coastal processes](#)- understanding the different processes that create different landforms

Geofile on [Mass Movement in the UK](#) – a good link to different types of mass movement

Geofile on [Coastal Management](#) – good comparison between different types of management strategies

Geofile on [Holderness Coast](#) – A good look at a case study of a shore line management plan.

### Hazards:

[Hazards Revision](#) – A really good overview of what the course is about and some of the information you will learn next year.





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<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/geography-revision/a-level-aqa/hazards/> some good links to other reading for the subject.

**Reading on [Vulnerability and Hazards](#)** – something that is different with the A Level is you need to be more aware of why people are vulnerable to Natural Hazards

**Geofile on [Hazard Hotspots and Response](#)** – a A Level concept new to you on different ways to respond to Hazards

**Haiti- [A multi-hazard Environment](#)**

**Video: Power of the Planet (Volcanoes)** <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x5af4kg> - a great introduction to the work on volcanoes we will be doing

**Reading: Plate Tectonics (The Geological Society)** – This will be a good set up from your GCSE work to A Level and definitely worth navigating around the site <https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/Plate-Tectonics>



## **Population & The Environment**

Population and the environment – good overview of the topic, clearly explained.

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/geography-revision/a-level-aqa/population-and-environment/>

**Geofile** about globalisation and population movement

<https://landau-forte.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2015/07/GeoFile-Globalisation.pdf>

**Population matters – website with up to date articles**

<https://populationmatters.org/topics/environment>

**Office of National Statistics (ONS) up to date UK population data**

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

World Health Organisation (WHO) Malaria details

<https://www.who.int/malaria/en/>

## **Changing Places**

**[Changing Places](#)** – A really good overview of what the course is about and some of the information you will learn next year.

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/geography-revision/a-level-aqa/resource-security/> some good links to other reading for the subject.

A RGS summary of **[Changing Places](#)** – A good overview of the course

**Geofile on the [Occupy Movement](#)**

**Interesting article by [Doreen Massey](#)**- A human geography looking at The Sense of Place

**[Changing Spaces –Making Places](#)** = A good Powerpoint going through some of the content of the topic.



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**Global Governance** – A really good overview of what the course is about and some of the information you will learn next year.

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/geography-revision/a-level-aqa/global-systems-and-governance/> some good links to other reading for the subject.

A RGS summary of **Global Governance** – A good overview of the course

## **Antarctica Case Study**

## The **Effects of Globalisation on the movement of people**

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