

A-Level Geography Transition Opportunities...

If you are thinking about or have definitely committed to taking Geography at A-Level next year then below you will find a comprehensive list of fun and incredibly useful links to things that you can be getting on with. The idea is that these will keep your Geographical brains engaged and tuned in to things we will be covering at A-Level.

We believe, in Geography, that you shouldn't rush out and start teaching yourselves the A-Level content, but that you should engage in wider reading, keep watching the news and tune in to podcasts, documentaries and articles that will give you an outstanding breadth of knowledge, skills and confidence in Geography.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the course of any of the things below then please contact Mr James (Head of Geography – cjames@lpsb.org.uk)

1. Competitions - RGS – Young Geographer of the Year Award:

Get in contact with one of the Geography teachers above for more information about this. This will be a significant piece of work that you can get on with and maybe start your A-Level Geography course as the best Young Geographer in the country!!!

Take a look and, in particular, see what past winners have produced. We would enter you for the KS4 award.

<https://www.rgs.org/schools/competitions/young-geographer-of-the-year/>

2. Ecounter Edu

A series of live seminars, talks and presentations. These are updated regular and feature a wide range of Geographical topics

[Live Lessons](#) | [Encounter Edu](#)

3. Complete some online courses

- Explore how the Universal Declaration of Human Rights relates to your daily life through this short course at Amnesty International – it's free, lasts 3 weeks (with a time commitment of just 2 hours a week).
<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/the-universal-declaration-of-human-rights>
- Explore the fashion industry's impact on people and planet, what the Sustainable Development Goals are, and the link between them.
<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/fashion-s-future-and-the-un-sustainable-development-goals->
- Explore how extreme geological events have shaped Earth and what challenges future events might pose to our planet
<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/extreme-geological-events>

4. WaterAid – Work Experience Week

Here is a unique opportunity to learn about WaterAid – the globe's leading water and sanitation charity. You can meet different teams within the organisation, and gain a valuable insight into the charity sector – all through your computer, tablet or phone.

<https://www.wateraid.org/uk/get-involved/at-home/virtual-work-experience-week#info>

5. Recommended Wider Reading - Books

Factfulness by (Geography Legend) Hans Rosling

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Factfulness-Reasons-Wrong-Things-Better/dp/1473637465>

Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Prisoners-Geography-Everything-Global-Politics/dp/1783962437/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1587466374&sr=1-1

The Almighty Dollar – by Dharshini David

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Almighty-Dollar-Incredible-Journey-Economy/dp/1783963980/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1587466428&sr=1-1

Adventures in the Anthropocene – by Gaia Vince

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Adventures-Anthropocene-Journey-Planet-Patterns/dp/1784873616/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=

6. Recommended Wider Reading - Textbooks:

Year 1: Geography A-Level Textbook:

<https://tinyurl.com/yczyecu6>

Year 2: Geography A-Level Textbook:

<https://tinyurl.com/y7oagthm>

7. Magazine Subscriptions and news websites:

New Internationalist: This is highly recommended for some amazing stories and insight into what's going on with global issues, geopolitics, the environment and general case studies that you will be able to apply at A-Level.

<https://newint.org/>

Geography Review: Up to date case studies, articles and reviews of issues directly related to the A-Level Edexcel specification.

<https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/subjects/geography/products/16-18/geography-review-magazine-volume-33,-2019-20>

The Conversation.com

We can highly recommend you use this! This you will find is useful to support many of your A Levels. It provides up to date articles from academics and specialists in the field written in a way that is accessible to all, summarising key points in short but insightful articles.

<http://theconversation.com/uk>

BBC news: An excellent source of up to date articles – explore the key headings such as Science, as well as the UK, World and other stories.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news>

The Guardian: Again, many useful articles and logically ordered – keep an eye on the Environment, Science, Society, Global Development stories in particular!

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk>

8. Podcasts:

Now is the time to broaden your geographical understanding! Stick your headphones in and listen to some of the following...

Costing the Earth – There are some great podcasts here to pick from on a wide variety of geographical issues (many topics, including amongst others.. climate change, carbon, urban greening, deforestation, alternative power, plastics etc.)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006r4wn/episodes/player>

Royal Geographical Society – “Ask the Geographer 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 and give them a go!

<https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/ask-the-expert-podcasts/>

9. Top Documentary and Film Ideas.....

- Free Solo, 2018: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urRVZ4SW7WU>
- The Dawn Wall, 2018: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edfw9ip9sCQ>
- Valley Uprising, 2014: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o86TpaSBcWw>
- Last breath, 2019: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSjL57Gq2OQ>
- North Face, 2010: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lkEfgPsOa0>
- Deepwater Horizon, 2010: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8yASbM8M2vg>
- Before the flood, 2016: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UGsRcxaSAI>
- Climate change - the facts: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m00049b1/climate-change-the-facts>
- Cowspiracy, 2014: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nV04zyfLyN4>
- Chasing coral, 2017: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6fHA9R2cKI>
- Blackfish, 2013: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLOeH-Oq_1Y
- Touching the Void, 2003 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ddeq-vRCZ8k>
- Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom (2013): No link available
- Hotel Rwanda (2004): No link available
- The Last King of Scotland (2006): No link available
- Blood Diamond (2006): No link available

10. Other top documentaries and films

The following are all available on **iPlayer**.

- **The Americas with Simon Reeve**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m00095p0/the-americas-with-simon-reeve>
- **Simon Reeve around the world**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p06rrnkm>
- **Mediterranean with Simon Reeve**
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b0bnb6tt/mediterranean-with-simon-reeve>
- **David Attenborough Box Sets** – there are 9 amazing boxsets available on iplayer from David Attenborough exploring our amazing world
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p06m42d9>

The following are all available on **ITV Hub**

- **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>

The following are all available on **Channel 4 – On Demand**

- **When the Immigrants Leave** (Dispatches) <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/dispatches/on-demand/69555-001>
- **China's Lonely Hearts** (Unreported World)
<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/on-demand/56011-011>
- **The world's dirtiest river** (Unreported world)
<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/on-demand/58399-001>
- **Forests of Fear** (Unreported World)
<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/on-demand/69224-006>
- **Hurricane Hell** (Unreported World)
<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/on-demand/69224-007>
- **The World's Dirtiest Air** (Unreported World)
<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/on-demand/67193-002>
- **The week Britain Froze** (Dispatches)
<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/dispatches/on-demand/66548-007>