

OBA TRANSITION BOOKLET A LEVEL

Geography

AQA Geography 7037

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/geography/specifications/AQA-7037-SP-2016.PDF>

Transition to Sixth Form:



A-LEVEL GEOGRAPHY (7037)

Specification
For teaching from September 2016 onwards
For A-Level exams in 2018 onwards

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Sixth Form Study

You are likely to study 3 subjects at sixth form. Each subject will have six lessons per week. You can expect to engage in a wider range of learning strategies in lessons as well as independently. These could be anything from:

- Making and organising presentations.
- Seminar style reading and group work.
- Use of debate, discussion-based learning, TED-talks, and documentaries.
- Wider reading outside of lesson hours.
- Extended 1-1 practice of practical or experimental work.
- Flip learning – learning in your own time and presenting what you have found to the class.



Independent Study

A Levels and Applied Qualifications will require more study to be completed by you independently rather than with a teacher. We recommend that you spend the same time studying outside of lessons as you do in lessons. Therefore, if you have 6 hours of Biology per week, this means that 6 hours should be spent revisiting notes, revising content, completing practice questions outside of the classroom each week also.

This pack will support you with starting to practice independent study over the summer period which will help you understand what works best for you.

What do you need to complete?

Over the summer it is expected that you engage with this transition booklet to support with your movement into A level Geography.

1. Familiarise yourself with specification - [Geography 7037 A-level Specification Specification for first teaching in 2016](#)

We study the following units -

- Physical – Water and Carbon Cycle,
 - o Hazards
 - o Coastal Landscapes and systems
 - o Glaciation
 - Human
 - o Global Systems and Governance
 - o Changing Places
 - o Contemporary Urban Environments
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2. Completing Task 1 'Globalisation'
 3. Complete Task 2 'Water and Carbon Cycle'
 4. Complete compulsory readings

Task 1 - Global Systems and Global Governance

The idea behind this bridging pack is to use the time that you have between now and September to get ahead for your A Level Geography course. You will be studying 3 modules for the Human paper.

Globalisation is the process of becoming more globally connected on a variety of scales.

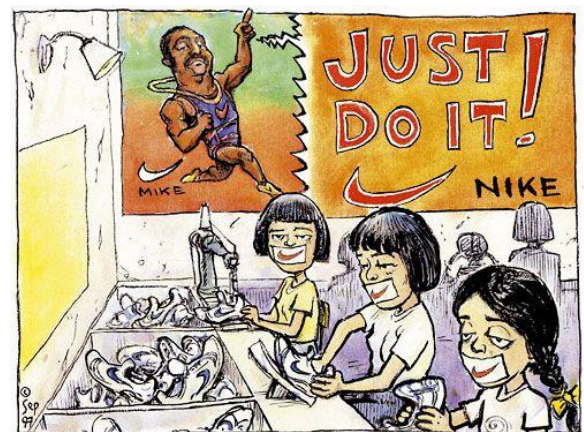
To look into globalisation, use the following resources:

1. <https://www.coolgeography.co.uk/A-level/AQA/Year%2013/Development%20&%20Globalisation/Globalisation/Globalisation.htm> (Cool Geography)
2. <https://pmt.physicsandmathstutor.com/download/Geography/A-level/Notes/AQA/Global-Systems-and-Global-Governance/Detailed%20Notes%20-%20Global%20Systems%20and%20Governance%20-%20AQA%20Geography%20A-level.pdf> (Physics and Maths Tutor)

Answer the following questions using your research and knowledge.

1. What is globalisation?
2. What are the causes of globalisation?

3. What does the cartoon on the right suggest about globalisation?

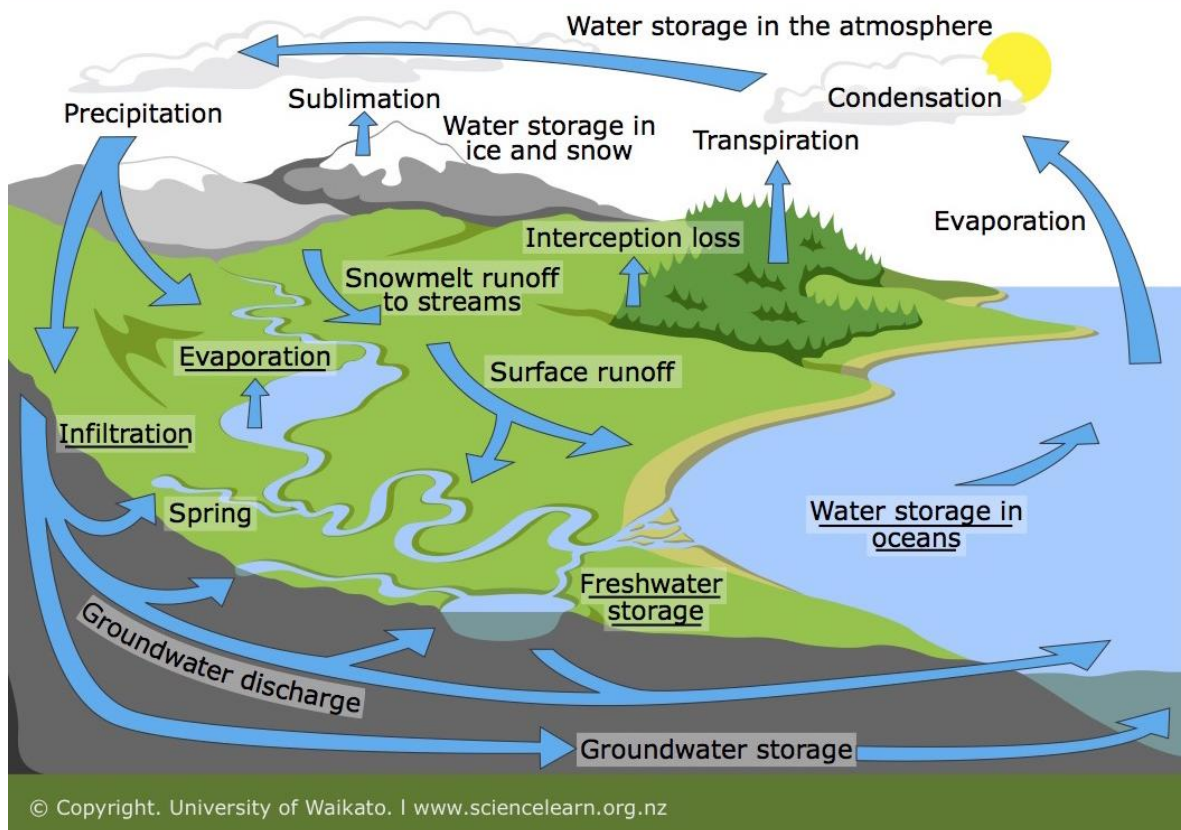


4. What factors have caused globalisation to speed up?

5. "In an increasingly connected world, global organizations (such as the UN or WTO) are ultimately powerless against the self-interest of individual nation-states." With reference to global governance, to what extent do you agree with this view?
Have a go, we will learn how to write them. Don't worry.

CHALLENGE - 'Nationalism is the ideology of our age' To what extent do you agree?

Task 2 – Water and Carbon Cycle



Define the following key terms: [helpful](#) -

<https://cdn.savemyexams.com/pdfs/ZDp3x4ZXDFk9tJWb.pdf> - Key Terms: Water & Carbon Cycles | AQA A Level Geography Revision Notes 2016

- Precipitation
- Evaporation
- Surface Runoff
- Transpiration
- Condensation
- Sublimation
- Infiltration

1. What effects can humans have on the water cycle?

2. How might climate change affect the water cycle?

3. "Climate change – myth or reality?" Does climate change really exist or is it a phenomenon made worse by the media? You need to find evidence to support both sides.







4. "Natural systems are perfectly capable of absorbing human disruptions; it is only when climate change accelerates that these cycles break down."





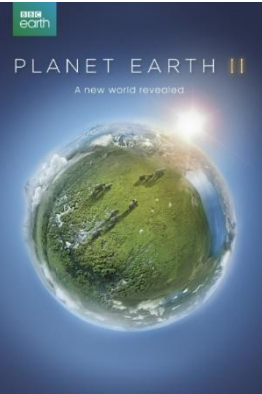

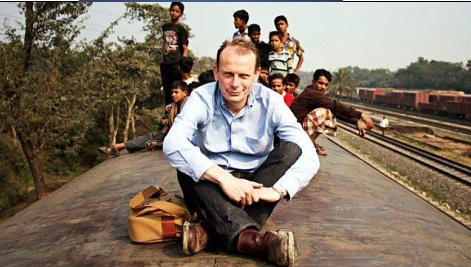



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CHALLENGE – What is the interrelationship between the water and carbon cycle?

Task 3 - Wider Reading - Summer

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 exist between people and their environment. **To begin your wider reading, you need to listen/read the following.**

	<p>ASK THE GEOGRAPHY</p> <p>'1979 to 1989, The Decade we Could have Stopped Climate Change' Royal Geographical Society. - A conversation with Nathaniel Rich on 1979 to 1989 'The Decade We Could Have Stopped Climate Change' RGS</p>	
	<p>GUARDIAN ARTICLE</p> <p>'Amazon is Net Carbon Producer', Ane Alencar - The Amazon is now a net carbon producer, but there's still time to reverse the damage Ane Alencar and Adriane Esquivel Muelbert The Guardian</p>	
	<p>BBC NEWS</p> <p>'Why is Globalisation Under Attack?' Mark Broad - Why is globalisation under attack? - BBC News</p>	

	<p>Costing the Earth</p> <p>There are some great podcasts here to pick from on a wide variety of geographical issues. This includes climate change, carbon, urban greening, deforestation, alternative powers, plastics.</p>	
	<p>Today in Focus</p> <p>Listen for the story behind the headlines and a deeper understanding of the news.</p>	
	<p>Planet Earth II</p> <p>A documentary series about wildlife found on earth where each episode covers a different habitat. Episodes are based on deserts, mountains, fresh water, plains and jungles. Narrated by David Attenborough.</p>	
	<p>Megacities</p> <p>Andrew Marr looks at how people live in five of the world's biggest megacities: London, Dhaka, Tokyo, Mexico City and Shanghai.</p>	
	<p>Ted Talk – The end of Globalization?</p> <p>Globalization is on its deathbed. The question now is – what is next? Tracing the historical successes and failures of globalization</p>	

Optional summer reading -

Topic 1: Water and Carbon Cycles

1. Podcast: Saving the UK's Peatlands

- Easy URL: bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006r4wn
- Full Destination: [BBC Radio 4 - Costing the Earth](#)

2. Article: How Melting Ice Sheets Release Carbon

- Easy URL: tinyurl.com/polar-carbon-2026
- Full Destination: [NERC Open Research Archive - Polar Ice Sheets Analysis](#)

3. Article: The Amazon is Now a Net Carbon Producer

- Easy URL: tinyurl.com/guardian-amazon-carbon
- Full Destination: [The Guardian - Amazon Carbon Article](#)[cite: 1]

Topic 2: Global Systems and Global Governance

4. Article: The Global Dispersal of Environmental Policy

- Easy URL: ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC12214105
- Full Destination: [PubMed Central - Global Environmental Governance Trajectories](#)

5. Article: Staging Refugee Policy for Geopolitical Power

- Easy URL: tinyurl.com/referee-governance
- Full Destination: [Oxford Academic - Journal of Refugee Studies](#)

6. Video Lecture: The End of Globalization?

- **Easy URL:** tinyurl.com/ted-end-globalisation
- **Full Destination:** [TED Talks - The End of Globalization Presentation](#)[cite: 1]

Book recommendations: FOR EXTRA READING AND PLEASURE AROUND SUBJECT – recommended, not compulsory – over entire course.

1. "Clearing the Air" by Hannah Ritchie (2026)

- **The Premise:** Written by the lead researcher at *Our World in Data*, this book tackles the biggest data-driven questions surrounding climate change and carbon emissions. It moves away from "doomism" to show practical, numbers-backed solutions for rewriting our environmental future.

2. "How to Save the Amazon: Ask a Better Question" by Dom Phillips (2025)

- **The Premise:** A powerful piece of investigative journalism that explores the beautiful, complex, and highly endangered Amazon rainforest ecosystem. It looks directly at the people, politics, and commercial drivers causing deforestation.

3. "The Deepest Map: The High-Stakes Race to Chart the World's Oceans" by Laura Trethewey (2023)

- **The Premise:** An exploration of the global race to map the earth's seafloor. It bridges the gap between deep-ocean exploration, climate change, and how commercial industries want to exploit these hidden ecosystems.

4. "Elemental: How We Will Live on a Warming Planet" by Arthur Snell (2026)

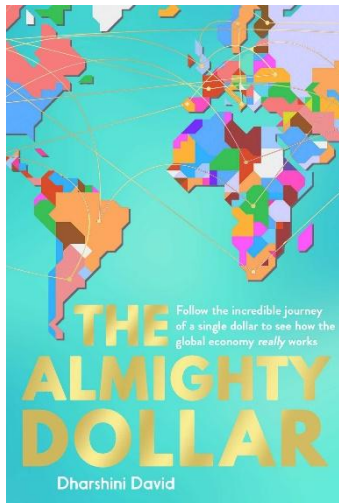
- **The Premise:** Written by a former British diplomat, this book travels from the Sahel to the Arctic Circle to demonstrate how the physical impacts of climate change are fracturing our current geopolitical order, triggering conflict, and testing international laws.

5. "Chokepoints: How the Global Economy Became a Weapon of War" by Edward Fishman (2025)

- **The Premise:** Explores how economic sanctions, supply chain dominance, and technological control have completely replaced traditional military action as the primary tool for global superpower conflict.

6. "The Future of Geography: How Power and Politics in Space Will Change Our World" by Tim Marshall (2023)

- **The Premise: The follow-up to *Prisoners of Geography*. Marshall looks at the next frontier of geopolitics: astropolitics. He explores how international rivalries, space debris, and resource rushes are extending our political borders into the atmosphere and beyond.**



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