

# TRANSITION BOOKLET



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# Geography

**AQA Geography 7037**

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# A-LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

(7037)

## Specification

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

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## Transition to Sixth Form:

### Sixth Form Study

You are likely to study 3 subjects at sixth form. Within each subject 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. At Sir William Robertson Academy 6<sup>th</sup> Form, we follow the 4-3-2 Curriculum Plan. This means you will have 4 hours of Geography lessons each week, which is split into 2 hours of Physical Geography and 2 hours of Human Geography. You will then complete 3 hours of independent study, and then 2 hours of homework.

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?**

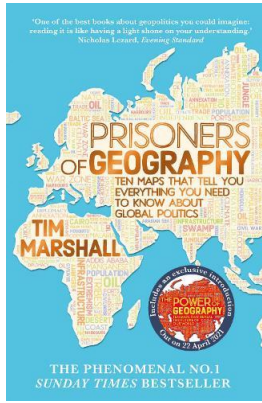
Over the summer it is expected that you engage with this transition booklet to support with your movement into A level Geography.

The points for each task are outlined below:

1. Familiarise yourself with specification – check the attached Assessment Objective grid to help you work out which optional topics we study for both paper 1 and paper 2.
2. Completing Task 1 'Globalisation'.
3. Complete Task 2 'Water and Carbon Cycle'.
4. Complete compulsory readings.

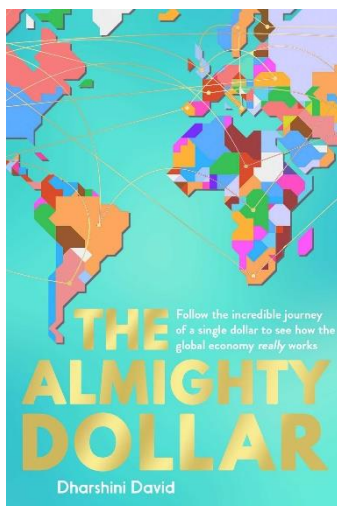
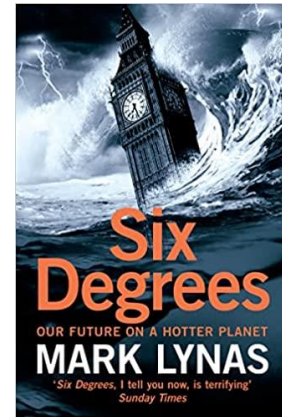
These must also be evidenced on your return in September.

## **Book recommendations:**



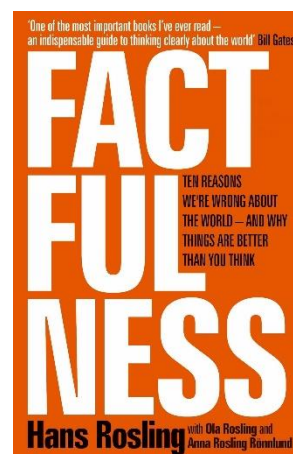
An insightful book which helps understanding how the physical geography impacts on political reality and really helps to understand how decisions of world leaders have been shaped by geography- a good introduction to Geopolitics.

A scary walkthrough of the impacts of Climate Change as world temperatures increase by 1 degree through to 6 degrees. Mark Lynas delivers a vital account of the future of our earth, and our civilisation, if current rates of global warming persist. And it's only looking worse.



By following \$1 from a shopping trip in suburban Texas, via China's central bank, Nigerian railroads, the oilfields of Iraq and beyond, The Almighty Dollar reveals the economic truths behind what we see on the news every day. Why is China the world's biggest manufacturer - and the USA its biggest customer?

A radical new explanation of why we systematically get the answers to questions about development wrong. It reveals ten instincts which distort our perspective. It sweeps aside our world instincts and makes the world a sunnier place.



## 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.**

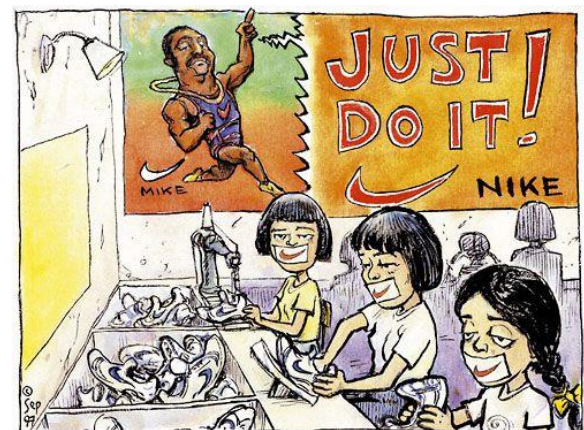
To look into globalisation, use the following resources:

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?

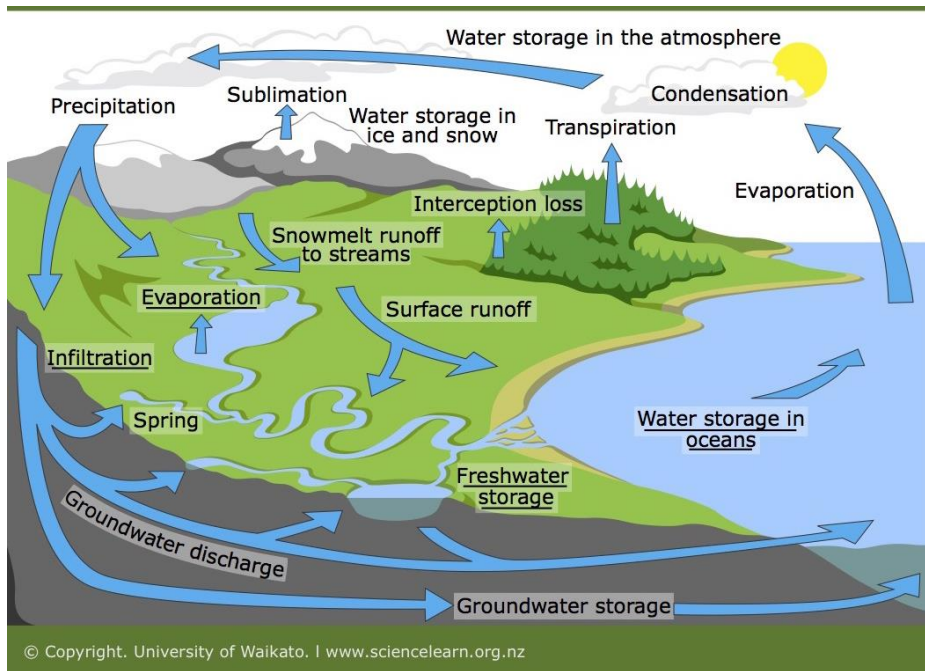
3. What does the cartoon on the right suggest about globalisation?



4. What factors have caused globalisation to speed up?

**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:

- 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.

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

### **Task 3 – Wider Reading**

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><b>ASK THE GEOGRAPHY</b></p> <p>'1979 to 1989, The Decade we Could have Stopped Climate Change' Royal Geographical Society.</p>	
	<p><b>GUARDIAN ARTICLE</b></p> <p>'Amazon is Net Carbon Producer', Ane Alencar</p>	

	<p><b>BBC NEWS</b></p> <p>'Why is Globalisation Under Attack?' Mark Broad</p>	
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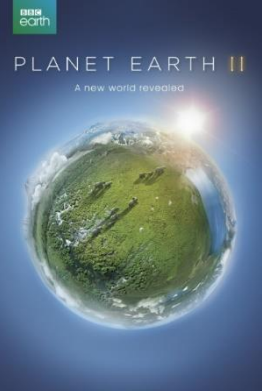

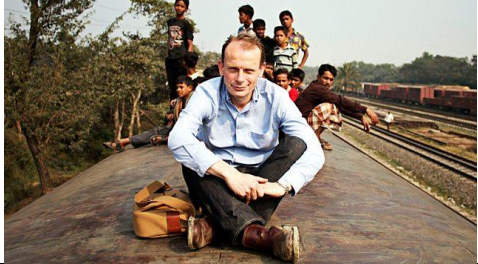


**For each of them:**

1. Write down three things that you learnt from listening/reading.
2. Explain how it could be valuable for a geographer.

**Wider Research (Non-Compulsory)**

 <p><b>Costing the Earth</b></p>	<p><b>Costing the Earth</b></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><b>Today in Focus</b></p>	<p><b>Today in Focus</b></p> <p>Listen for the story behind the headlines and a deeper understanding of the news.</p>	



	<p><b>Planet Earth II</b></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><b>Megacities</b></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><b>Ted Talk – The end of Globalization?</b></p> <p>Globalization is on its deathbed. The question now is – what is next? Tracing the historical successes and failures of globalisation</p>	