

# A GUIDE TO PREPARE YOU FOR THE A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY COURSE



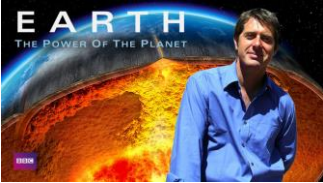



## **What is the study of Geography?**

Geography A-level at Chichester College will give you a foundation knowledge in physical earth systems and human geography as well as developing your skill set enabling you to become a competent geographer throughout year one of the course. In year two you have the opportunity to investigate key issues in the world with exciting topics such as Superpower Geographies and the Carbon Cycle looking at world energy use and climate change. You also carry out practical investigations into your own area of interest while taking part in residential fieldwork. We ask you to engage in tasks outside of the classroom such as attending the Hampshire Geographical Association annual conference so knowledge and skills can be informed and extended.

Included in this document is a video collection to browse and watch, a reading list of books that can ignite your knowledge and enthusiasm for the study of geography and an equipment list that will support you in preparing for your A level geography course.

We hope you will enjoy this course!

# WATCH

Video Resource Collection			
Preview	Topic Area	VIDEO	LINK
	Tectonics	Earth Power of the Planet (EP01 Volcanoes)	<a href="https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x5af4kg">https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x5af4kg</a>
	Coasts	Time for geography knowledge boosters	<a href="https://timeforgeography.co.uk/videos_list/coasts/">https://timeforgeography.co.uk/videos_list/coasts/</a>
	Globalisation	Why will future globalisation be so different?	<a href="https://www.ted.com/talks/richard_baldwin_why_will_future_globalisation_be_so_different">https://www.ted.com/talks/richard_baldwin_why_will_future_globalisation_be_so_different</a>
	Regeneration	My city could beat up your city	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bl_aevuam8k">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bl_aevuam8k</a>






## READ

Selected Articles [The Geography Review magazine from Hodder is also essential reading <https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/geographyreview>]

Preview	Article Title	LINK
	The Science of Earthquakes	<a href="https://www.usgs.gov/natural-hazards/earthquake-hazards/science/science-earthquakes?qt-science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects">https://www.usgs.gov/natural-hazards/earthquake-hazards/science/science-earthquakes?qt-science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects</a>
	The Village That Collapsed into the Sea	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/insideout/southwest/series1/hallsands.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/insideout/southwest/series1/hallsands.shtml</a>
	31 things you can no longer do in Portsmouth	<a href="https://www.portsmouth.co.uk/heritage-and-retro/retro/31-things-you-can-no-longer-do-portsmouth-1312023#gsc.tab=0">https://www.portsmouth.co.uk/heritage-and-retro/retro/31-things-you-can-no-longer-do-portsmouth-1312023#gsc.tab=0</a>
	Globalisation: the rise and fall of an idea that swept the world	<a href="https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/14/globalisation-the-rise-and-fall-of-an-idea-that-swept-the-world">https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/14/globalisation-the-rise-and-fall-of-an-idea-that-swept-the-world</a>

# ENGAGE

A selection of geography competitions, social media and research visits that you can extend your studies.

GEOGRAPHY ENRICHMENT			
Preview	Activity	Organisation	LINK
	Physical geography student photo competition	Geographical Association	<a href="https://www.geography.org.uk/Physical-geography-student-photo-competition">https://www.geography.org.uk/Physical-geography-student-photo-competition</a>
	GA World Wise international competition	Geographical Association	<a href="https://www.geography.org.uk/GA-WorldWise-international-competition">https://www.geography.org.uk/GA-WorldWise-international-competition</a>
	Conservation research	Operation Wallacea	<a href="https://www.opwall.com/">https://www.opwall.com/</a>
	Gap year planning toolkit	Royal Geographical Society	<a href="https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/advice-training/support-for-students-and-gap-years/gap-year-planning-toolkit/">https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/advice-training/support-for-students-and-gap-years/gap-year-planning-toolkit/</a>
	Global Volcanism (monitoring of worldwide volcanic eruptions)	Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/GlobalVolcanism">https://www.facebook.com/GlobalVolcanism</a>

# EQUIPMENT LIST

The essential items that you will need to hand both at home and in college are listed below. We will provide specialist equipment for fieldwork with the college, but it is good to also have a set of personal equipment suitable for outdoor data collection

## Classroom equipment

- A set of pens, pencils, ruler, protractor, eraser and calculator in a clear pencil case
- An A4 folder with dividers to organise your course notes
- An organiser to write down independent study and work deadlines
- A memory stick with a copy of your summer assignment work (See Transition Project for details)

## And for field work

- Cost for the residential fieldwork is approximately £150 paid in instalments tbc
- Set of waterproofs (jacket and trousers)
- Warm fleece style coat/ jacket
- Strong boots/ shoes suitable for walking on uneven surfaces
- Rucksack (30 litres)

Over the summer you have a good opportunity to read ahead, get enthusiastic and prepared for your a-Level studies and we look forward to seeing you in September.

The A Level Geography team.