

# HELSEBY

## Sixth Form



# **Year 11 Sixth Form Transition Material**

## **A level Geography**

Congratulations on choosing to study Geography at A Level

The information and tasks contained in this booklet will help you to research and prepare for your course when you start at Sixth Form Helsby in September. They will provide you with an overview of what to expect from your A Level studies and help you to develop a greater understanding of the subject.

This is by no means an exhaustive list but it will help you to start thinking about the subject and extra-curricular study and research.

### **Podcasts**

- Costing the Earth- – <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006r4wn/episodes/player>
- The documentary podcast- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02nq0lx/episodes/downloads>
- The enquiry- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p029399x/episodes/downloads>
- Podcasts from Oxford University School of Geography and the Environment- – <https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/series/school-geography-and-environment-podcasts>

### **TEDtalks**

- Eleni Myrivili: A 3-part plan to take on extreme heat waves
- Parag Khanna: Where on Earth will people live in the future?
- Kayla Wolf: The biggest mistakes in mapmaking history
- Katharine Hayoe: The most important thing you can do to fight climate change: talk about it
- Moreangels Mbizah: How community-led conservation can save wildlife
- Rose M. Mutiso: The energy Africa needs to develop – and fight climate change
- Andrés Ruzo: The boiling river of the Amazon
- Suzanne Simard: How trees talk to each other
- David Gallo: Underwater astonishments

### **Trips/Visits**

- Morecambe- coastal defences, beach characteristics, tidal estuary, mudflats
- Cornwall: Eden Project- conservation
- Snowdonia National Park- physical landscapes, glaciation, tourism
- Lake District National Park-physical landscapes, glaciation, tourism
- Sefton Coast- sand dunes, conservation
- National Museums Liverpool
- Big Pit National Coal Museum
- The Natural History Museum

## Reading

The following reading list is published by the Geographical Association.

[https://geography.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/125\\_books\\_for\\_your\\_A\\_level\\_students\\_to\\_read.pdf](https://geography.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/125_books_for_your_A_level_students_to_read.pdf)

### Fiction

- Ali, M. (2003) *Brick Lane*, Transworld Publishers
- Butcher, T. (2008) *Blood River*, Vintage
- Conrad, J. (2007) *Heart of Darkness*, Penguin
- Eng, Tan Twang (2013) *The Garden of Evening Mists*, Canongate Books
- Eng, Tan Twang (2008) *The Gift of Rain*, Myrmidon Books Ltd
- Garland, A. (1997) *The Beach*, Penguin
- Greene, G. (1998) *Brighton Rock*, Penguin
- Hosseini, K. (2007), *A Splendid Thousand Suns*, Bloomsbury Publishing
- Hosseini, K. (2003) *The Kite Runner*, Bloomsbury Publishing
- Levy, A. (2004) *Small Island*, Headline
- Orwell, G. (2001) *The Road to Wigan Pier*, Penguin
- Rodriguez, D. (2013) *The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul*, Penguin
- Roy, A. (2004) *The God of Small Things*, Harper Perennial, new edition

### Non-fiction

- Aldersey-Williams, H. (2016) *Tide: The science and lore of the greatest force on Earth*, Viking
- Abbott, E. (2010) *Sugar: A Bittersweet History*, Gerald Duckworth
- Allen, S. L. (1999) *The Devil's Cup Coffee: The Driving Force in History*, Canongate
- Anderson, B. (1983) *Imagined communities: reflections on the origin and spread of nationalism*, Verso
- Baggini, J. (2007) *Welcome to Everytown: A Journey into the English Mind*, Granta
- Barczewski, S. (2000) *Myth and National Identity in Nineteenth-Century Britain: The Legends of King Arthur and Robin Hood*, Oxford University Press
- Barnes, J. (1998) *England, England*, Jonathan Cape
- Beattie, A. (2009) *False Economy. A Surprising Economic History of the World*, Penguin
- Bennett, J. (2010) *Hello Dubai: Skiing, Sand, and Shopping in the World's Weirdest City*, Simon & Schuster
- Berners-Lee, M. (2010) *How Bad Are Bananas?: The Carbon Footprint of Everything*, Profile Books
- Blythe, R. (2005) *Akenfield*, Penguin Modern Classics
- Bonnett, A (2017) *Beyond the Map: Unruly enclaves, ghostly places, emerging lands and our search for new utopias*, Aurum Press
- Bonnett, A (2015) *Off the Map: Lost Spaces, Invisible Cities, Forgotten Islands, Feral Places and What They Tell Us About the World*, Aurum Press
- Bonnett, A (2014) *Unruly Places: Lost Spaces, Secret Cities, and Other Inscrutable Geographies*, Houghton Mifflin
- Brotton, J. (2012) *A History of the World in Twelve Maps*, Allen Lane
- Bryson, B. (2015) *The Road to Little Dribbling*, Doubleday

**Bunting, M.** (2010) *The Plot: The biography of an acre*, Granta

**Chomsky, N.** (2017) *Who rules the world?* Penguin

**Collier, P.** (2010) *Plundered Planet: How to Reconcile Prosperity With Nature*, Oxford University Press

**Collier, P.** (2007) *The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What Can Be Done About It*, Oxford University Press

**Connelly, C.** (2005) *Attention all shipping*, Abacus

**Crane, N.** (2016) *The Making of The British Landscape: From the Ice Age to the Present*, Weidenfeld & Nicholson

**Crane, N.** (2010) *Coast: Our Island Story: A Journey of Discovery Around Britain's Coastline*, BBC Books

**Davis, M.** (2007) *Planet of Slums*, Verso

**Davis, M.** (2004) *Dead Cities*, The New Press

**Davis, M.** (1998) *Ecology of Fear*, Vintage

**Davis, M.** (1998) *City of Quartz*, Pimlico

**Dimbleby, J.** (2009) *Russia: a journey to the heart of a land and its people*, BBC Books

**Does, R.** (2006) *Extreme Floods: A History in a Changing Climate*, Sutton Publishing

**Dorling, D.** (2015) *Inequality and the 1%*, Verso

**Dorling, D.** (2013) *Population 10 million*, Constable

**Dorling, D.** (2013) *The 32 Stops: The Central Line*, Penguin

**Dorling, D.** (2011) *So You Think You Know About Britain*, Constable

**Dorling, D.** (2010) *Injustice: Why Social Inequality Persists*, Policy Press

**Easterly, W.** (2007) *The White Man's Burden: Why the West's Efforts to Aid the Rest Have Done So Much Ill and So Little Good*, Oxford University Press

**Elborough, T.** (2016) *Walk in the Park: The Life and Times of a People's Institution*, Vintage Publishing

**Ellis, H.** (2007) *Planet Chicken. The Shameful Story of the Bird on Our Plate*, Sceptre

**Fagan, B. M.** (2001) *The Little Ice Age: How Climate made History 1300-1850*, Basic Books

**Flannery, T.** (2010) *Here on Earth*, Allen Lane

**Flint, C.** (2017) *An Introduction to Geopolitics*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Routledge

**Florida, R.** (2017) *The new urban crisis gentrification, housing bubbles, growing inequality and what we can do about it*, Oneworld

**Fogle, B.** (2007) *In search of an Island of my own*, Penguin

**Ford, R. and Goodwin, M.** (2014) *Revolt on the right: explaining support for the Radical Right in Britain*, Routledge

**Frankopan, P.** (2015) *The Silk Roads*, Bloomsbury Publishing

**Freese, B.** (2003) *Coal. A Human History*, Arrow Books

**Garfield, S.** (2012) *On the Map: A Mind-Expanding Exploration of the Way the World Looks*, Gotham

**Gifford, R.** (2007) *China Road: A Journey into the Future of a Rising Power*, Random House

**Gilroy, P.** (1986) *There ain't no black in the Union Jack: the cultural politics of race and nation*, Hutchinson

**Girling, R.** (2008) *Sea Change: Britain's Coastal Catastrophe*, Eden Project Books

- Gore, A.** (2013) *The Future: Six Drivers of Global Change*, Random House
- Gore, A.** (2006) *An Inconvenient Truth*, Bloomsbury
- Griffiths, J.** (2007) *Tea: The Drink That Changed the World*, Andre Deutsch
- Hall, P.** (2002) *Cities of Tomorrow: An Intellectual History of Urban Planning and Design in the Twentieth Century*, Blackwell
- Halliday, S.** (2004) *Water A Turbulent History*, The History Press
- Haslam, D.** (2010) *Manchester, England: the story of the pop cult city*, Fourth Estate
- Helstosky, C.** (2008) *Pizza. A Global History*, Reaktion Books
- Hickel, J.** (2017) *The Divide: A Brief Guide to Global Inequality and its Solutions*, William Heinemann
- Hoskins, W. G.** (1988) *The making of the English landscape*, Hodder
- Jacobs, J.** (1997) *The Life and Death of Great American Cities*, Random House
- Jeffrey, C.** (2010) *Timepass: Youth, Class and the Politics of Waiting in India*, Stanford University Press
- Jeffrey, C. and Dyson, J.** (2008) *Telling Young Lives: Portraits in Global Youth*, Temple University Press
- Jian, M.** (2002) *Red Dust*, Vintage
- Kingsnorth, P.** (2008) *Real England: The Battle against the Bland*, Portobello
- Klein, N.** (2013) *This Changes Everything Capitalism vs. the Climate*, Penguin
- Klein, N.** (2010) *No Logo*, Fourth Estate
- Klein, N.** (2008) *The Shock Doctrine The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*, Penguin
- Kolbert, E.** (2007) *Field Notes from a Catastrophe: A Frontline Report on Climate Change*, Bloomsbury
- Kurlansky, M.** (2003) *Salt. A World History*, Penguin
- Kurlansky, M.** (1998) *Cod. The Biography of the Fish that Changed the World*, Penguin
- Lanchester, J.** (2010) *Whoops! Why Everyone Owes Everyone and No One Can Pay*, Penguin
- Laycock, S.** (2012) *All the Countries We've Ever Invaded: And the Few We Never Got Round To*, The History Press
- Lovelock, J.** (2010) *The Vanishing Face of Gaia: A final warning*, Basic Books
- Lovelock, J.** (2006) *The Revenge of Gaia*, Penguin
- Lovelock, J.** (1979) *Gaia, a new look at life on Earth*, Oxford University Press
- Luce, E.** (2007) *In spite of the Gods: The Strange rise of Modern India*, Doubleday
- Lynas, M.** (2004) *High Tide News from a Warming World*, Flamingo
- Macfarlane, R.** (2015) *Landmarks*, Penguin
- Macfarlane, R.** (2012) *The Old Ways*, Penguin
- Marchant, I.** (2003) *Parallel Lines or Journeys on the Railway of Dreams*, Bloomsbury
- Marsden, T., Murdoch, J., Lowe, P., Munton, R. and Flynn, A.** (eds) (1993) *Constructing the Countryside*, UCL Press
- Marshall, T.** (2018) *Divided: Why We're Living in an Age of Walls*, Elliot and Thompson Ltd
- Marshall, T.** (2016) *Worth Dying For the power and the politics of flags*, Elliot and Thompson Ltd
- Marshall, T.** (2015) *Prisoners of Geography*, Elliot and Thompson Ltd
- McKie, D.** (2007) *Great Bus Journeys: Travels Through Unfamous Places*, Atlantic Books
- McMahon, P.** (2013) *Feeding Frenzy: The New Politics of Food*, Profile



- Metcalf, C.** (2003) *Walking Away: A Film-makers African Journal*, Eye Books
- Middleton, N.** (2001) *Going to Extremes*, Phoenix
- Milton, G.** (2003) *Samurai William: The Adventurer Who Unlocked Japan*, Sceptre
- Milton, G.** (2000) *Nathanial's Nutmeg: How One Man's Courage Changed the Course of History*, Sceptre
- Monbiot, G.** (2013) *Feral*, Penguin
- Moyo, D.** (2009) *Dead Aid: Why aid is not working and how there is another way for Africa*, Farrar, Straus & Giroux
- Ochota, M.** (2016) *Hidden Histories: A Spotter's Guide to the British Landscape*, Frances Lincoln
- O'Rourke, P.J.** (2008) *On the Wealth of Nations. Adam Smith's Book that Changed the World*, Atlantic Books
- Parker, M.** (2010) *Map Addict*, Collins
- Patel, R.** (2007) *Stuffed and Starved*, Portobello Books
- Pearce, F.** (2010) *People Quake: Mass Migration, Ageing nations and the Coming Population Crash*, Eden Project
- Pearce, F.** (2009) *Confessions of an Eco Sinner: Travels to Where My Stuff Comes From*, Eden Project Books
- Pearce, F.** (2007) *When the Rivers Run Dry: What happens When Our Water Runs Out?* Eden Project Books
- Reader, J.** (2009) *The Untold Story of the Potato*, Vintage
- Rudd-Jones, N.** (2018) *Urban rambles: 20 glorious walks through English cities*, Frances Lincoln
- Said, E.** (1978) *Orientalism*, Random House
- Schama, S.** (1995) *Landscape and memory*, HarperCollins
- Seegal, S.** (2018) *Map Men: Transnational Lives and Deaths of Geographers in the Making of East Central Europe*, University of Chicago Press
- Simms, A.** (2007) *Tescopoly*, Constable
- Smit, T.** (2002) *Eden*, Transworld
- Sobel, D.** (2005) *Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time*, Harper Perennial
- Somerville, C.** (2010) *Never Eat Shredded Wheat: The Geography We've Lost and How to Find it Again*, Hodder & Stoughton
- Stiglitz, J.** (2002) *Globalization and its discontents*, Penguin
- Timmerman, K.** (2010) *Where am I Wearing? A Global Tour to the Counties, Factories, and People that Make Our Clothes*, John Wiley & Sons
- Tirtirau, C.** (2009) *The Latitudes of Silence: A Voyage Across the Pacific Ocean*, Trafford Publishing
- Winchester, S.** (2002) *The Map that Changed the World*, Penguin
- Wilkinson, R. and Pickett, S.** (2009) *The Spirit Level: Why Equality is Better for Everyone*, Penguin

## Films/Documentaries/TV

### BBC iplayer

- David Attenborough Box Sets <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p03szck8>
- 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>
- Big Oil vs the World <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p0cqq18f/big-oil-v-the-world?seriesId=p0cqq1jk>
- Frozen Planet 2 <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p0cw0nb8/frozen-planet-ii?seriesId=m001c24d>
- Race Across the World <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m0002tvs/race-across-the-world>
- Planet Earth 3 <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p0gjwxhv/planet-earth-iii>

### Channel 4

- 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>

### Netflix

- Into the inferno (2016)
- The boy who harnesses the wind (2019)
- Africa
- Blue planet
- Planet Earth
- Our planet
- The dark tourist
- Dirty money
- Explained
- Before the flood (2016)
- An inconvenient truth (2006) and An inconvenient sequel (2016)
- Slumdog millionaire (2008)

### UCAS

- <https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/all?query=geography>
- <https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/all?query=physical%20geography>
- <https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/all?query=human%20geography>
- <https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/all?query=geomorphology>
- <https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/all?query=geology>
- <https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/all?query=volcanology>
- <https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/all?query=environment>
- <https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/all?query=planning>