

AS Level Geography

A guide to help you prepare yourself for studying AS level Geography.



Before starting AS Level Geography

Many of the topics studied in Year 12 have the basis in work that you did at GCSE. It is important, therefore, that you understand this work and are confident in using your knowledge and understanding gained at GCSE to build on for AS Level Geography.

Below is a table that highlights some of the areas of GCSE that you should refresh your understanding of and be prepared to use these in Year 12.

Area of study	Refresher link
<p>How and why do coastal landforms change over time?</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aO_ZtgSJt9g</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYvT9VKAq6c</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bs-G57JaQm4</p>
<p>How do factors affect rates of landform change in coastal landscapes?</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G36qKGq21wE</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00Khn0RSpYA</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUaAuJ1WJts</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHkyYA8uBe4</p>
<p>Causes and effects of rural poverty and deprivation and the process of depopulation of remote rural areas.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPOZx1Fhx-k</p>
<p>Strategies for creating sustainable rural communities</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJbAOn9khwk</p>

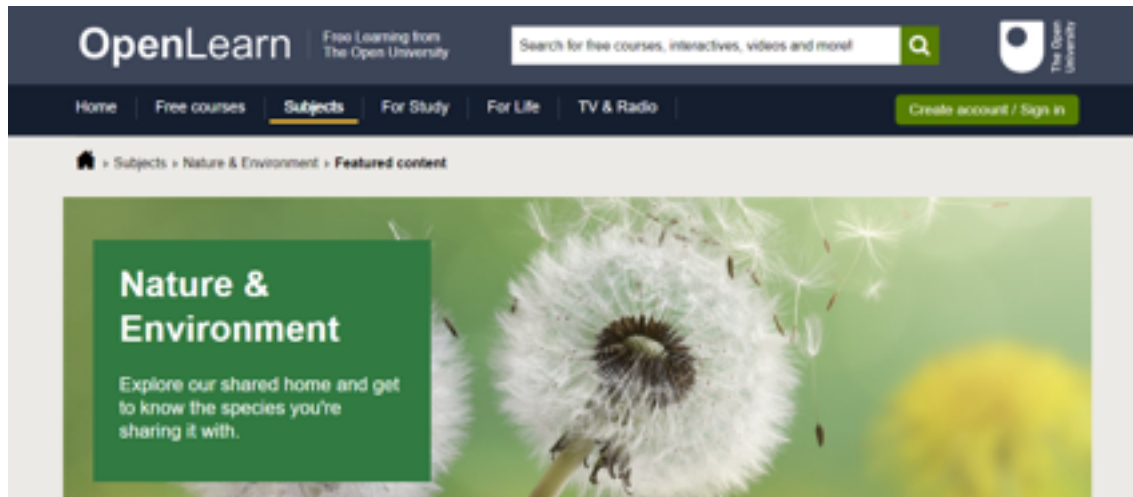
Economic, cultural and technological factors that have led to change in retailing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EVLN1tJsBkY>

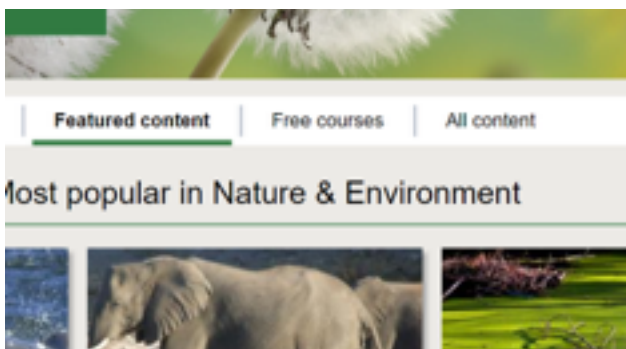
Open University Courses

The following are free courses run by the Open University. Once you complete the course you get a 'statement of completion' which you should print out and keep. They are excellent to get a background understanding of the modules we are going to study in AS Geography from September.

OpenLearn website address: <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/nature-environment>



Click on 'Free courses'



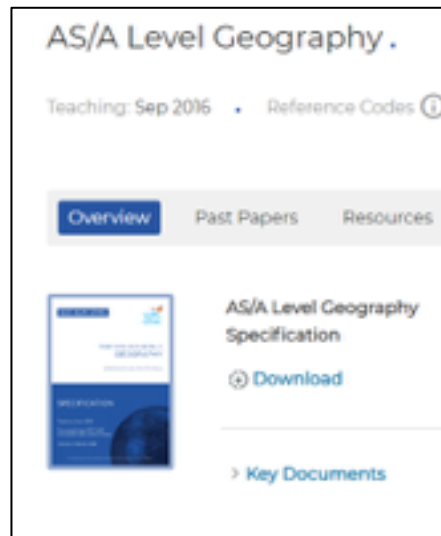
You can choose from:

- Climate Change - 18 hours of study (links to many parts of modules studied in Year 12)
- Changing Cities - 15 hours of study (links to the Year 12 Unit 2 module 'Changing places')
- Earthquakes - 8 hours of study (links with the Year 12 Unit 1 module 'Tectonics')
- Managing coastal environments - 3 hours of study (links with the Year 12 Unit 1 module 'Coasts')

Specification links and Past Papers

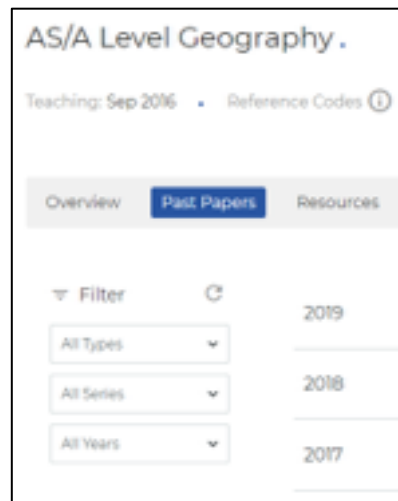
Here is a link to the WJEC AS Level Geography specification for you to download:

https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/geography-as-a-level#tab_overview



12: Here is a link to the Unit 1 and Unit 2 papers that you will be sitting at the end of Year

https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/geography-as-a-level#tab_pastpapers



The following are links to TED talks that discuss new topics you will study in Year 12:

https://www.ted.com/talks/liz_ogbu_what_if_gentrification_was_about_healing_communities_instead_of_displacing_them

https://www.ted.com/talks/stefan_al_why_isn_t_the_netherlands_underwater



If you have Netflix, these documentaries are worth watching to get a basic understanding of several topics that you will be studying in Year 12 Geography.

Documentaries

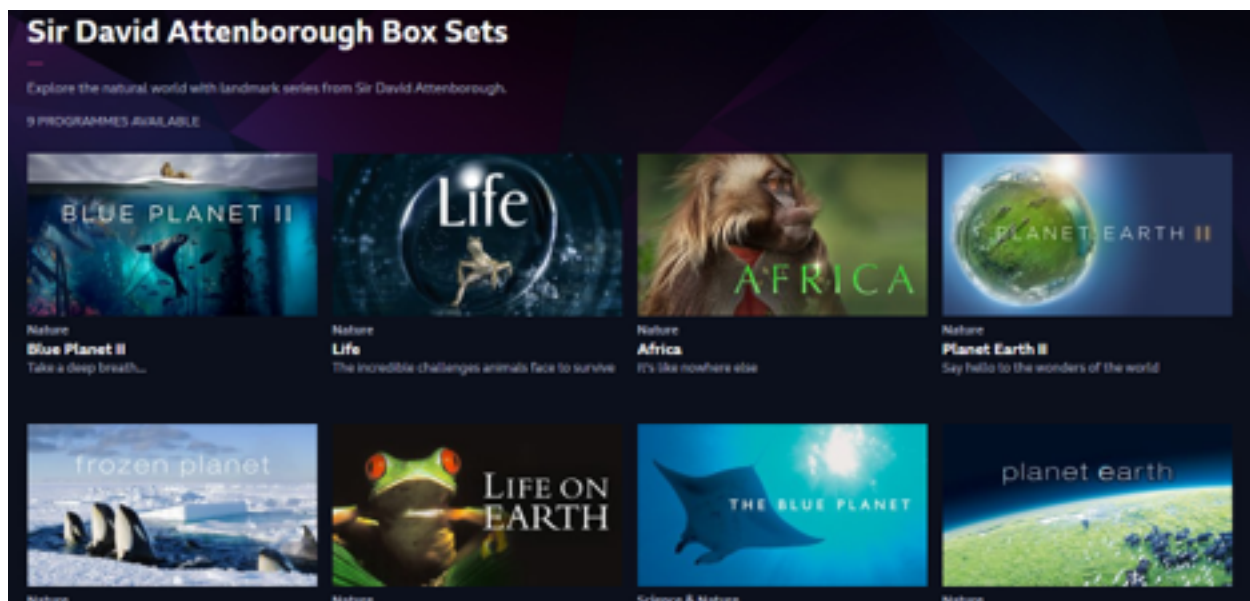
- Océans.
- Dancing with the Birds.
- Growing Up Wild.
- Chasing Coral.
- National Parks Adventure.
- Untamed Romania.
- Tales by Light.
- A Plastic Ocean.

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[Nature & Ecology Documentaries | Netflix Official Site](#)

There are, of course on BBC iPlayer, the following David Attenborough box sets to watch.



Tasks

1. Often, in the news, there are reports of how coastal processes effect people, such as the cliff collapse at the end of May this year.

Eastchurch cliff fall: House hanging over edge after second collapse

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Search the BBC news archives and find other examples and write a report about the social and economic impacts of coastal processes on people.

2. This is a link to a report on the BBC website on the largest ever earthquake in Peru in 1970 https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-52839770?intlink_from_url=https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cx250ppxygt/earthquakes&link_location=live-reporting-story . Read the report and then write about how the impacts of this earthquake could be reduced using what we now know about managing these hazards. You may want to research current earthquake management schemes to help you.
3. Many of the key processes studied at GCSE are used again in Year 12 such as the coastal erosion processes and weathering types. Go back to these units and create a 'Key Processes Vocabulary' list that you can stick in your new Year 12 coasts file ready to use next year.