

# GETTING AHEAD



Start to develop skills that are relevant to your course before you join HSDC this September!

## Geography – A Level

If you are considering Geography A Level next year or are just interested in continuing to develop your geography knowledge over the coming weeks, why not use this time to explore the subject a little more. These pages are just ideas that you can dip in and out of as much as you like or use as a starting point to find other resources you find interesting – Enjoy!

*Fiona Webb, Course Leader for Geography*

### **OPEN LEARN**

The Open University have a huge number of free online courses that you can study. They tell you how long they take and give an outline of what is included. You also get a free statement of participation on completion. Take a look and see if any take your interest. Some recommended ones linked to the A Level course are listed below:

Free course

### Managing coastal environments

Free statement of participation on completion



#### About this free course

3 hours study

Level 2: Intermediate

Ratings ★★★★★

3.9 out of 5 stars

#### Get recognition for your learning

Enrol to access the full course, track your progress and on completion gain a free statement of participation.

Enrol now

Saved for later

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/nature-environment/the-environment/environmental-science/managing-coastal-environments/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/science-maths-technology/science/environmental-science/global-water-resources/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>

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<https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/>

Follow this link to check out KS5 resources and topics, what is it you are most interested in?

## **WHAT TO WATCH?**

### **THE ECONOMIST VIDEOS**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/EconomistMagazine/videos>

E.g. 'Mangroves: How they help the ocean?' and 'Can you insure against climate change?'

### **TED TALKS**

<https://www.ted.com/talks?sort=newest&topics%5B%5D=Global+issues>

### **SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH BOX SETS**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p06m42d9>

### **UNDRR STOP DISASTER EMERGENCY PLANNING GAME**

[https://www.stopdisastersgame.org/stop\\_disasters/](https://www.stopdisastersgame.org/stop_disasters/)

UNDRR stands for the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction. This online game aims to teach you how to build safer villages and cities against disasters. You will learn how the location and the construction materials of houses can make a difference when disasters strike and how early warning systems, evacuation plans and education can save lives. You are the future architects, mayors, doctors and parents of the world of tomorrow. If you know what to do to reduce the impact of disasters, they will create a safer world.



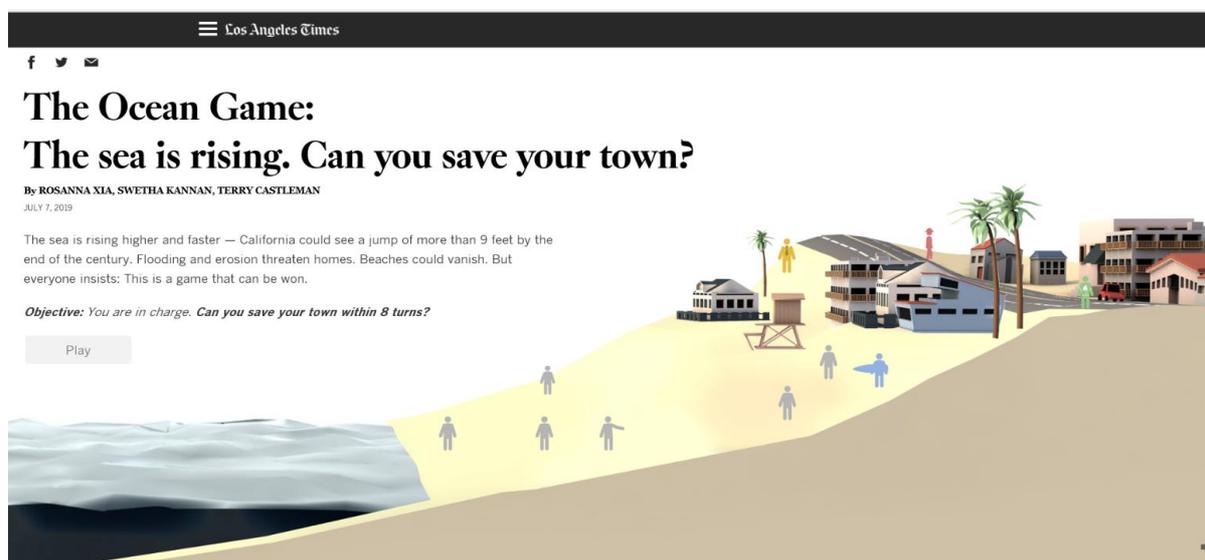
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## **LA TIMES CLIMATE CHANGE RISING OCEANS GAME**

<https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-me-climate-change-ocean-game/>

The sea is rising higher and faster — California could see a jump of more than nine feet by the end of the century. Flooding and erosion threaten homes. Beaches could vanish. But everyone insists: This is a game that can be won.



## **WHAT TO LISTEN TO?**

Search for these podcasts on your phone!

### **THE ECONOMIST PODCASTS**

<https://www.economist.com/podcasts/>

### **ASK THE GEOGRAPHER – Royal Geographical Society**

<https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/ask-the-expert-podcasts/>

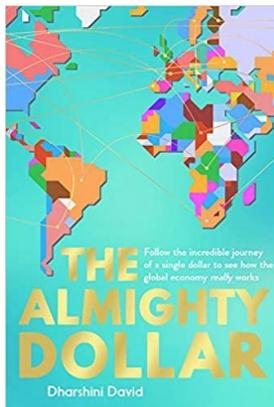
*You can then listen on Soundcloud or iTunes*

'Hazards and volcanic gas emissions' with Dr Tom Pering, 'Forests and the Carbon Cycle' with Professor Rob MacKenzie and Professor Jerry Pritchard, 'Extreme weather in the UK; past, present and future' with Professor Georgina Endfield.

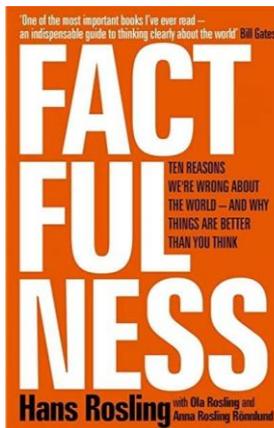
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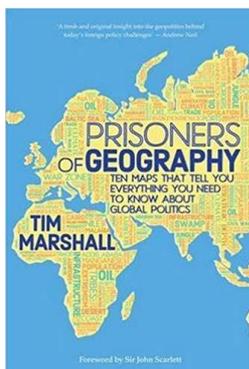
## WHAT TO READ?



Darshini David -  
[The Almighty Dollar](#)



Hans Rosling –  
[Factfulness](#)



Tim Marshall –  
[Prisoners of Geography](#)

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## EXPLORE CAREERS IN GEOGRAPHY

Explore the links below to see the Further Education and career opportunities linked to Geography!

Click the link below and at the bottom of the page click on the '**Going Places with Geography Brochure**' link. Explore why Geography is so valuable to study, the skills you gain through your studies and how these can link to future careers.

<https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/going-places-with-geography-brochure/>

The link below takes you to a page where you can see the huge range of jobs geographers can go onto do!

<https://www.rgs.org/iamageographer/>

## HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR GENERAL GEOGRAPHY KNOWLEDGE ...

Use Sporcle to see how good your country and capital city knowledge is.

Start with Europe ...

<https://www.sporcle.com/games/q/europe>



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