

Year	Unit	Intent	Key skills	Links	When?
7	Introduction to Geography	To introduce students to key geographical skills and ideas	This is a research based subject so we aim to encourage students to ask questions	Builds on previous experience of the subject and sets out the three types of geography (physical, human and environmental)	Autumn term Y7
	Where in the world	To learn the major geographical features of the world	To know what is where	Know more, remember more, to support the ability to do more later in the course	Autumn term Y 7
	The role and influence of the EU	To introduce politics as a sub-section of human geography	Analysis of costs and benefits	Develops thinking skills and evidence based judgements	Autumn term Y7
	Map skills	To understand the abstract concepts of space, scale, orientation and distance.	Map reading	Supports mathematical/ logical reasoning	Spring term Y 7
	Weather and climate	To understand the physical processes involved in our amazing weather in the UK	Mapping, synoptic charts, symbolic representation, making predictions	Shows the unpredictable and unreliable nature of open systems in geography, which is built on in the later years	Summer term Y 7
	Settlement	To introduce human communities and the use of resources	Efficiencies gained through specialisation in urban communities. Making decisions about what makes the 'ideal settlement'. Includes a research project on Upton	Research skills	Summer term Y7

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8	Population	To understand the complex interactions between economic, political and physical factors in determining human population numbers	Research and making judgements using emotional and logical measures (including analysis of qualitative and quantitative data)	Links to Y 7 communities	Autumn term Y8
	Ecosystems	To understand the links between biotic and abiotic factors and physical influences in ecosystem management	Investigating conservation issues on a local and global scale	Links strongly with Y 10 work on ecosystems	Autumn/Spring term Y8
	Coastal landscapes	To understand the energy systems in coastal processes and human management of long term hazards	Map reading and interpretation, physical process diagrams	Links with rivers from Y 7 and forward to the GCSE course	Spring term Y8
	The geography of political systems	To understand that different countries have differing political cultures, which is reflected in their governing systems	how to protest and how best to secure your rights	Links with settlement in Y 7 and forward to the GCSE course (and A level)	Spring term Y8
	The regions	To compare major reasons of the world in physical and human terms	Systematic comparison of a range of data types	Links with politics in Y 8 and economics in Y 9	Summer term Y8

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9	Economics and development	To understand why some countries are rich, some are poor and what difference it makes	Analysis of economic and development data	Links to GCSE course and wider citizenship knowledge	Autumn term Y9
	Hazards	To understand the physical causes and human mitigation of a range of hazards	Risk assessment. Planning	Links to physical topics in Y 7 and forward to GCSE skills	Autumn/Spring term Y9
	Sustainable futures	To investigate the post oil world, and its challenges and opportunities	Energy substitution planning. Cost: benefit analysis	Links to ecosystems in Y 8 and to the principles in the GCSE course	Spring term Y9
	Disease	To understand the factors influencing global and local disease spread	Staying healthy	Links to wider citizenship and human settlements taught in Y 7. Also links with several aspects of the history courses	Spring/Summer term Y9
	GCSE AIB	To practice GCSE skills using last year's AIB	Data processing and decision making	Links most of KS3 together via a controversial issue (which changes each year). Links to the GCSE course	Summer term Y9

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10 & 11	The challenge of natural hazards	Human mitigation and adaptation to a range of physical hazards	Case study analysis	Links back to hazards in Y 9	Autumn term Y10
	The Living World	Understanding the importance of biological interactions at a range of scales	Data processing and decision making	Links back to ecosystems in Y 8	Autumn/Spring term Y10
	Physical Landscapes in the UK	Understand the processes involved in rivers and coasts in the UK and the extent to which they can be controlled	Map reading, complex diagram interpretation and policy appraisal	Links to rivers and coasts in KS3	Spring and summer term Y10
	The Challenge of Resource Management	Prepare for global and UK based changes in energy, food and water supplies	Data processing and decision making	Links to sustainable futures in Y 9	Summer term Y10 and autumn term Y11
	Urban Issues and Challenges	Understanding how urban change creates both opportunities and threats in the UK and abroad	Linking development issues with urban challenge	Builds on settlement from Y 7	Autumn and spring terms Y11
	The Changing Economic World	How the global economy works and how the UK is placed to succeed or fail in the coming decades	Processing economic data and some basic theory	Builds on economics and development from Y 9	Spring/Summer term Y 11
	Geographical Applications	Applying a range of skills in a range of contexts. Investigating a controversial issue via an AIB	How to conduct research. Interpreting data in an unseen context	Builds on all of taught content so far	Summer term Y 11

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12 & 13	Changing Places	Understanding attachment to place and how this varies across societies and over time	Applying theory and conducting research in familiar and unfamiliar contexts	This is the first time this kind of content has been taught so does not link strongly to previous content	Autumn term Y 12
	Water and Carbon cycles	Understanding energy and resource flows on a global and local scale	Data handling for the purpose of research and making judgements on policy	This is the first time this kind of content has been taught so does not link strongly to previous content	Autumn term Y 12
	Hazards	Understanding the interactions between the physical and human worlds through the case studies of a range of hazards	Data handling for the purpose of research and making judgements on policy	Builds on the water and carbon cycles	Spring/Summer term Y 12
	Population and Environment	Investigating the carrying capacity of the earth	Learning through theory and data analysis	Builds on place studies	Spring/ Summer term Y 12 and Autumn term y 13
	Coastal environments	Energy balances and processes on the coast	Data handling for the purpose of research and making judgements on policy	Links to hazards and the water/carbon cycles	Autumn/Spring term Y 13
	Global systems and Governance	Understanding the global economy and how it impacts development issues	Data handling for the purpose of research and making judgements on policy	Draws on the place unit as well as population	Spring/Summer term Y 13
	AIB	Independent investigation	Research skills	The pinnacle of secondary school geography	All of Y 13