



KS3 GEOGRAPHY LEARNING JOURNEY

Exploring places, understanding people and the environment, building a better future



Year 7 exam week: March (mid-Spring Term)

Year 8 exam week: December (late Autumn Term)

Year 9 exam week: May (mid-Summer Term)

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TOPICS

YEAR 7

AUTUMN 1
Term 1

How can I think like a geographer?

KEY FOCUS

Geographical skills, maps, places and scale

AUTUMN 2
Term 2

How are populations changing?

KEY FOCUS

Population growth, structure and control

SPRING 1
Term 3

Why is the Earth restless?

KEY FOCUS

Tectonic hazards – volcanoes and earthquakes

SPRING 2
Term 4

Complete topic and revise

KEY FOCUS

Revision and consolidation of learning

SUMMER 1
Term 5

How is the world becoming more connected?

KEY FOCUS

Globalisation, trade, transport and technology

SUMMER 2
Term 6

How are the Earth's environments different?

KEY FOCUS

Biomes, climate zones and sustainable living

Assessment

Baseline descriptive writing (Aut. 1) · Extended writing tasks across topics · Knowledge retrieval quizzes

Skills Focus

Map, atlas & data interpretation · Developing extended writing · Describing & explaining patterns · Using evidence and case studies · Comparing places

Enrichment

Current articles & case studies · Wider world knowledge · Local area connections

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TOPICS

YEAR 8

AUTUMN 1
Term 1

Why does quality of life differ across the world?

KEY FOCUS

Development, quality of life, inequality and indicators

AUTUMN 2
Term 2

How do rivers shape our landscape?

KEY FOCUS

River processes, landforms and flooding

SPRING 1
Term 3

Will the US stay as the world's only superpower?

KEY FOCUS

Superpowers, political influence and economy

SPRING 2
Term 4

Is the Geography of Russia a curse or benefit?

KEY FOCUS

Physical and human geography, resources and opportunities

SUMMER 1
Term 5

How will Climate Change affect the Earth's future?

KEY FOCUS

Climate change causes, impacts and solutions

SUMMER 2
Term 6

Geography of Crime

KEY FOCUS

Causes, impacts and strategies to reduce crime

Assessment

Extended writing tasks across topics · Geographical enquiry – flooding (Aut. 2) · Knowledge retrieval quizzes

Skills Focus

Analysing causes & impacts · Using evidence to support arguments · Decision-making & evaluation · Fieldwork enquiry · Map and data interpretation

Enrichment

Fieldwork enquiry (flooding) · Real-world debates & decision-making · Global case studies

9	AUTUMN 1 & 2 Terms 1 & 2		SPRING 1 Term 3	SPRING 2 Term 4	SUMMER 1 Term 5	SUMMER 2 Term 6
	TOPICS					
YEAR 9	Will the world's resources run out? KEY FOCUS Resources, food security, energy and sustainability		Why is the Middle East an important region? KEY FOCUS Conflict, development and importance of the Middle East	How does the human and physical landscape of the Americas change from North to South? KEY FOCUS Physical features, climate zones and human characteristics	What is weather and climate? KEY FOCUS Weather, climate factors and extreme weather	Introduction to GCSE KEY FOCUS Paper 1: Global Geographical Issues – Topic 2: Development Dynamics · Global development, inequality and solutions
	📖 Assessment Extended writing & enquiries · Knowledge retrieval quizzes · Microclimate investigation (Sum. 1) · GCSE-style short & long answer questions (Sum. 2)		🔬 Skills Focus GCSE exam technique · Comparing global development · Structuring clear, analytical answers · Data analysis (graphs, maps, statistics) · Evaluating solutions		📍 Enrichment Microclimate fieldwork · GCSE preparation · Real-world connections & debates · Building confidence & knowledge ready for GCSE	

GEOGRAPHY CONCEPTS (ALL YEARS) • Place – Physical and human characteristics of any location on Earth • Scale – Patterns seen at local, regional, national and global levels • Interactions – How people and the environment influence and respond to each other • Sustainability – Using resources responsibly to support both present and future generations	KEY SKILLS DEVELOPED (ALL YEARS) • Map, atlas & data interpretation (GIS, graphs, photos) • Making inferences & drawing conclusions • Using evidence in extended writing • Debating, decision-making & considering viewpoints • Literacy skills – key terms, reading, explaining & answering questions	ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES (ALL YEARS) • Reading for each topic – current articles, case studies & wider world knowledge • Local area enquiries – applying geography to the world around us • Fieldwork in school & local area – collecting and analysing data • Real-world connections & debates • Building confidence & knowledge ready for GCSE
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