



Year 9 Curriculum Grid Geography

Year/Term	Unit	Intent
September to November	Africa – challenges and opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review maps of Africa and climate of the region. • GIS google earth maps of development indicators across the continent. • Impacts of colonialism on Africa. • Case study – Great Green Wall. • Challenges of aid in Africa. • Case study – Rwanda – example of country with rapid development.
November to January	Cold environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the power of ice - glaciation formation and associated processes. Glacial landforms to include peaks, arêtes and corrie lakes • Case study - Iceland opportunity and challenge! • Climate Change - Glaciation and global warming. What is happening and why. Links between climate change and its impacts.
January to March	Tectonics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the Earth is structured. Key features of different layers. • The theory of continental drift, theory, misconceptions, evidence. • Why do people live on plate boundaries- opportunities and challenges? • Key features of a volcano. Why do they erupt? • Monserrat volcano- immediate responses. • Introduction to how hazards risk can be reduced. • Tsunami- Japan case study- causes, effects, responses. • Case study: Haiti earthquake- causes effects responses.
March to May	Asia – the new superpowers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge build using maps – political and climate. • Case study – India – impacts of colonization, rise as a service provider. • Megacities – what are they? Challenges? Case study – Mumbai • Case study – China – rise as a superpower, recent challenges. • Managing the natural environment in SE Asia – rainforests.
June to July	Geography of Ellesmere Port	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of OS map skills of the town. • Exploration of the characteristics of the town centre. • Local economy overview. • Case study – Vauxhall – factors affecting location of industry and impacts of TNCs. • Energy industry in Ellesmere Port • Impacts of deindustrialization and urban redevelopment – The Arcades