



SUBJECT: Curriculum Overview

Year 8

Half Term	Topic studied	What will I learn?	How will I be assessed?
Year 8 Autumn 1	How are populations changing? KS3 Book Population	1. What is happening to global population? 2. What factors are affecting growth rate? 3. Where do people live? population distribution. 4. What are the issues of population growth? 5. Midpoint assessment 6. What is life like in a squatter settlement? 7. Case study: Dhavarvi 1. Assessment and feedback	Midterm assessment Population end of topic test
Year 8 Autumn 2	What are Tectonic Hazards? KS3 Book Tectonic Hazards	2. What are tectonic hazards? 3. Why do the Plates move? 4. What are the different types of plate margin? 5. Midpoint assessment 6. What is a Volcano? 7. Case study: Mt. Nyiragongo, DRC 8. Why do people live near them? 9. What can we do to reduce the impacts? 10. Assessment & Feedback	Tectonic midpoint test Tectonic Hazards end of topic test
Year 8 Spring 1	Why does weather matter? KS3 Book Weather	1. What type of weather are there? 2. How we measure weather? 3. How rain forms? 4. How does air pressure affect weather? 5. Midpoint assessment 6. What is a tropical storm? 7. Case Study; Typhoon Haiyan 8. Assessment & Feedback	Weather midpoint test Weather end of topic test
Year 8 Spring 2	Micro climate investigation Summer exam Preparation	1. What are microclimates? 2. Planning a geographical enquiry 3. Data collection 4. Data presentation. 5. Data analysis and evaluating your investigation 6. Final project submission & feedback. 7. Revision techniques and recap of the topics covered so far in Y8. Summer Exam	Microclimate EOU investigation Summer Exam

Year 8 Summer 1 and 2	Who are the BRIC's?	Russia's Geography; a curse or benefit? 1. Physical Geography and biomes 2. Natural resources 3. Human challenges 4. Midpoint assessment China; understanding a superpower 5. The Geography of China 6. China's population challenges 7. China's economic boom 8. Powering a nation (3 Gorges) 9. Midpoint Assessment If time: Why the Amazon matters to Brazil 10. Resources of the Amazon 11. Deforestation impacts 12. Management of the Amazon 8. Assessment and feedback.	
Year 8 Summer 2	Do our coastlines need protecting? KS3 Book - Coasts	1. How does the sea shape the coast – erosion 2. How does erosion create distinctive landforms? 3. How does the sea shape the coast – transportation and deposition 4. How does transportation and deposition create distinctive landforms? 5. Midpoint assessment 6. How do humans manage the coast? Hard engineering 7. How do humans manage the coast? Soft engineering 8. Assessment and feedback	Midterm assessment Coasts end of topic test