



# Geography

OPTION - GEOGRAPHY	Content
Year 10 HT 1	This half term starts with <b>geographical skills for Paper 3</b> - the students will be doing a practice pre-release to develop their skills in interpreting resources such as photos, text and graphs. This pre-release is based on urban environments (topic they covered in Year 9). It also links into their next topic of Changing Economic World. This unit starts by considering the impacts of economic growth and how this has caused a development gap between countries. They will then consider the ways in which they can reduce this development gap. This will be followed by making comparisons in the economies between the UK as an HIC and Nigeria as an NEE.
Year 10 HT 2	This half term continues with our topic on <b>the Changing Economic World</b> . This half term we will go into more detail on the case studies of the UK as an HIC and Nigeria as an LIC/ NEE. The students will apply the knowledge they have learnt from the general introduction to the economy to these particular case studies. This will allow for them to consolidate their understanding on these key elements of the topic such as the causes of the development gap and how these can be addressed.
Year 10 HT 3	This half term the students will start the next topic of <b>The Living World</b> . This half term will focus on introducing ecosystems around the world before focusing on Tropical Rainforests in more detail. This unit will involve considering the environment of these ecosystems and how they can be managed.
Year 10 HT 4	This term continues with our topic on the Living World. This half term will focus on <b>desert environments</b> by looking at the environment to start with. After this, we will focus on the opportunities and challenges that these hostile environments provide us with. This will be followed up by a pre-release practice examination for Paper 3 based on Tropical Rainforests - this will help the students to apply their knowledge on tropical rainforests to a series of questions.
Year 10 HT 5	This term continues with the physical Geography theme. They will be learning about <b>river environments</b> . The topic starts focusing on the physical processes that occur in this environment before moving onto considering the features that are formed in each section of a river environment. This topic will finish by considering the ways in which river environments can be managed and how effective these management methods may be.
Year 10 HT 6	This term continues with the theme of physical Geography but relates this to <b>coastal environments</b> . This topic mirrors the rivers topic starting with physical processes, before moving onto coastal landforms and how these environments can be managed. This will be followed up by a fieldtrip to Walton on the Naze to explore these processes in a real coastal environment in order to prepare the students for the fieldwork element of their Paper 3 exam.
Year 11 HT 1	This term starts with <b>geographical skills for Paper 3</b> - the students will be doing a practice pre-release to develop their skills in interpreting resources such as photos, text and graphs. This pre-release is based on urban environments (topic they have already covered). They then will be attending the Tollgate Fieldtrip and completing a write up on this - this will help to prepare them for the second section of their geographical skills Paper 3 exam. Once they have completed their write up (focused on making data analysis and data conclusions), they will follow onto their final GCSE Geography topic of the Challenges of Natural Hazards. This will consider the natural hazards that countries experience and the impacts that these have. This topic will go into more depth in Autumn Term 2.
Year 11 HT 2	<b>The Challenges of Natural Hazards:</b> Within this half term, students will complete the majority of the natural hazards topic. They firstly focus on tectonic hazards such as earthquakes and volcanoes. The students will consider contrasting case studies to allow comparisons of these hazards to be made. This is followed by a consideration of atmospheric hazards such as hurricanes. Within each of these sub topics, students will consider the causes of the hazard, the impacts of these hazards and the responses that can be made in order to reduce the impacts of these hazards. To finish off the unit, the students will consider the impacts of climate change on our planet before evaluating the success of different strategies to mitigate and adapt against these problems.
Year 11 HT 3	This term will finish off any last sections of the topic: <b>Challenges of Natural Hazards</b> . After this, the students will be focusing on revision of previous units they have studied in Geography. The revision will focus on a 2/3 lessons per topic to ensure that all of the previous units are covered. During these revision lessons, the students will create knowledge organisers on each topic to refresh their knowledge on the material for the exams.
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Year 11 HT 5	After the Easter break, the students will be provided with their <b>pre-release material from the exam board</b> which will be taught over a series of lessons to provide them with the basis to answer this in the exam. The revision in this half term will be mainly focused on exam technique with how to answer the exam questions being a focus.