



OCL Geography Curriculum: Long Term Plan

Core concepts in Geography:

Concept:	Definition:
Place and space	Space (locational knowledge) and place (geographical imaginations) embedded through understanding the interactions between places
	and the networks created by flows of people.
Scale	Exploring geography through different lenses at local, national and global levels.
Physical and human processes	Understanding a sequence of events that occur in the natural world (physical processes) and the activities that lead to change in societies
	(human processes) and how they sometimes interact with each other.
Environmental impact and sustainable	Growing awareness of environmental consequences while meeting the needs of people today without harming the needs of the future.
development	
Interdependence	Interconnections explore how people and natural events in places are interconnected with other places in a variety of ways. These
	interconnections have significant influences on the characteristics of places and on changes in these characteristics.
Cultural awareness	The promotion of cultural diversity by being empathetic towards those from other cultures.

Types of knowledge in Geography:

Type of knowledge:	Definition:	Example:
Substantive knowledge	This is the content that is to be learned.	Tectonic hazards occur along plate boundaries
Disciplinary knowledge	The origins of substantive knowledge.	We understand that tectonic hazards occur along plate boundaries partly because Alfred Wegener suggested the theory of continental drift





Brief overview

Across year 9 students will build on and link together the knowledge from year 7 and 8 so that they are well prepared for KS4 study, if they choose to study Geography further. The year starts with a topic on interconnectedness where students draw on all previous learning across years 7 and 8 to see how interconnected the physical and human worlds are; how physical process impact on humans socially, economically and environmentally; and how human actions impact on the physical world. This unit will be taught through the study of current topical issues, including Covid-19 and migration. While Autumn 1 consolidates student learning, Autumn 2 requires them to look ahead and see how the key processes learnt across years 7 and 8 are changing and how these will impact on future populations, cultures and physical landscapes. Again this unit will be taught through a study of current topical issues including the impact of climate change on coral bleaching in the Great Barrier Reef, the global trade of waste and threats to extreme environments including the frozen planet and forests. In Spring 1 and 2, students draw on their learning from the concept of ecosystems which has been introduced through a study of the deciduous ecosystem in the UK in year 7, as well as an exploration of cold environments in Russia and Antarctica and deserts in the Middle East during year 8. This will be, however, the first time students study ecosystems as a topic and will require students to see the links and processes that occur within the Amazon Rainforest, Sahara Desert and the Sahel's savannah. Again, the concept of interconnectedness will be a primary focus, requiring students to see how human interact with these environments and the impact they have. Year 9 finishes off with drawing on learning from tectonic hazards and social and economic development in year 7 to better understand how tectonic hazards affect countries of varying degrees of development. They then utilise their understanding of the UK, weather, climate change and fluvial

Term	Autumn 1	events and climate change impact on people Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Unit title	Interconnectedness	Future threats	Biomes	Biomes	Natural Hazards	Natural Hazards
Relevant core concepts	Place and s	space, scale, interdependence, pl	nysical and human processes, o	environmental impact and sus	tainable development, culturd	al awareness
Relevant end points	and where people inhabit. Finally app Scale: To be able to understand geo Physical and human processes functioning of natural systems. Environmental impact and sus people today without compromising t Interdependence: To develop a so	ir knowledge of locations and deepen their spatial avereciate that we will always be shaped by space – the graphy through a variety of different lenses; consides: To be able to understand the key physical and hunstainability: To be able to appreciate that human the needs of people in the future. ense of how any particular place and its relations fit an appreciation and awareness of differences between	rivers, mountains, deserts, lake and seas that co ring local, national and global scales. man processes that shape the world in which we (and sometimes physical) actions can have envir into the bigger picture helping to support links be	onstrain us. Plive. To recognise how human and physical proc ronmental consequences. To understand how hu between varying scales	esses interact to influence, and change landsca man and environmental impact can be lessene	pes; and how human activity relies on effective
Core substantive knowledge	 Afghanistan introduction: the factors that mean there is a high production of poppies (location, terrain, poor infrastructure, conflict, and natural disasters) To explain how the Afghanistan heroin trail show us that crime interconnects our countries. Iceland introduction: location and explanation of eruption in 2010. To explain how the Iceland eruption of 2010 shows how interconnected countries are. Migration introduction: explanation of what migration is and the causes of migration. To explain how international migration makes countries so interconnected. COVID-19 introduction: to understand what COVID-19 is and how it spread worldwide. 	 Overpopulation and declining resources To understand how a rising population and climate change is leading to water insecurity. To understand the main concerns facing the future of energy. To understand how a developed world is leading to a rising waste issue. To explain how overfishing is impacting the ocean ecosystem. To explain how land use and extraction of resources is destroying the Earth's wilderness. Wilderness example – Patagonia. To explain how rising sea levels and climate change is causing harm to coral reefs. To understand the impact of climate change on our frozen planet. To understand how climate change is threatening the future of USA national parks. 	 Introduction to ecosystems – definitions, components, links, food chain Introduction to ecosystems – food web, nutrient and energy cycle Example of a small scale ecosystem (the pond) Distribution and key characteristics of the world's ecosystems (link to pressure) GAC Introduction to the tropical rainforest (soils, climate, vegetation, animals) Stratification and vegetation adaptations in the tropical rainforest How do humans use the Amazon Rainforest? (logging, mining, 	 Introduction to the desert (soils, climate, vegetation, animals) Vegetation and animal adaptations in the desert Economic opportunities in the Sahara Desert (agriculture, solar panels, oil/gas and tourism) Desertification in the Sahel Sustainable practices to reduce desertification in the Sahel. Evidence of Climate Change Natural causes of climate change Human causes of climate change Effects of climate change Mitigation Adaptation Geographical skills 	 Types of natural hazard Theory of plate tectonics and continental drift Plate margins Plate margins Introduction to earthquakes – focus, epicentre, Richter Scale Effects of an earthquake in an LIC – Haiti Responses to an earthquake in an LIC – Haiti Effects of an earthquake in a HIC – L'Aquila Responses to an earthquake in a HIC – L'Aquila Prediction and planning for earthquakes to reduce risk and impact Impact of earthquakes in HICs and LICs 	 Impact of earthquakes in HICs and LICs What is a tropical storm and how are they caused? Tropical storm cross section and how climate change has impacted on tropical storms – distribution, intensity, frequency. Typhoon Haiyan effects Typhoon Haiyan responses Tropical storms: planning and prediction Evidence of extreme weather in the UK Somerset Flood effects Somerset Flood responses Geographical skills





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☐ Dat stat org nat ☐ Firs	cial media and news articles ta that shows us the economic atus of countries, from ganisations such office for tional statistics st hand experiences of rthquake event in the UK or gration	 Social media and news articles Data that shows us the economic status of countries, from organisations such office for national statistics Food threats from supermarket data Organisations such as marine conversation society 	 □ Organisations such as the Rainforest Alliance □ Data that shows us the economic status of countries, from organisations such office for national statistics □ Social media and news articles □ Fieldwork investigations of small scale local ecosystems 	□ Data that shows us the economic status of countries, from organisations such office for national statistics □ Geologists who study desert environments □ International organisations, such as the IPCC, who publish current reports on climate change □ Geographers who study natural and human causes of climate change, e.g. Milutin Milankovitch who suggested the orbital theory □ Social media and news articles to understand how climate change has impacted places globally □ Observation and experiences of climate change initiatives	□ Geographers who study hazards (including the categorisation between meteorological and tectonic hazards) □ Theory of continental drift and convection currents □ Geographers such as Alfred Wegener in 1912 who suggested the theory of continental drift □ Geologists who study natural hazards □ Social media and news articles	□ Social media and news articles □ Geographers who study tropical storm events □ Geographers who study extreme weather events





Brief overview

Across Year 10, students will study both human and physical topics, including, *Physical Landscapes in the UK, Urban Issues and Challenges and the Changing Economic World* and will also complete a *fieldwork study* in two contrasting environments. Year 10 is the when students will commence their KS4 chosen subject option. Students will build on their prior KS3 knowledge in KS4 for many of the units studied. Students will be first introduced to Physical Landscapes of the UK whereby students start exploring the UK's physical landscape and identifying lowland and upland areas. This is the base knowledge that is required to understand landscapes in the UK and will build on their prior study of coasts, rivers, and glacial landscapes in years 7, 8, and 9. Students start with the key physical processes involved in the formation of coasts and rivers and then apply this to explain the formation of landforms of erosion and deposition. Once student have grasped this knowledge, they will explore the management of coasts and rivers through real-life examples. Next, students will being their study of Urban Issues and challenges, building on their prior understanding of population and urbanisation in year 8. Students will explore population changes and trends and then look specifically at how urban change has created challenges and opportunities in Rio de Janeiro. This unit then continues with the second half of the Urban Issues and Challenges unit where they explore an urban environment in the UK focusing on the process of urban growth and the opportunities and challenges this brings. A local urban

environment should be covered during this unit to help students have a better understanding of their local environment and context. The unit finishes with a study of sustainable urban planning and management. This unit draws on a range of previous topics covered across KS3 and KS4, including social and economic development, sustainability, population and urbanisation and interconnectedness and is pivotal for students continuing their study of Geography at KS5 where students must study either Regenerating Places or Diverse Places. Students will build on their prior fieldwork skills by completing fieldwork in two contrasting environments and will draw on their year 9 study of interconnectedness by showing an understanding of the interaction between the physical and human worlds. The Changing Economic World where they will gain an understating of how different countries across the world are classified based on a range of development indicators. This will build on their study of social and economic development in year 7. Further to this students explore the reasons why countries are at varying levels of wealth across the world and what can be done to reduce this gap. Students then apply this understanding to a real world context through the study of Nigeria and specifically how Nigeria had changed from a Low Income Country to a Newly Emerging Economy.

			Income Country to a Newly E	merging Economy.				
Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2		
Unit title	The Changing Economic World	Urban Issues and Challenges	Physical Landscapes in the UK (Coasts)	Physical Landscapes in the UK (Rivers)	Fieldwork (Generic, Human, and Physical fieldwork)	Urban Issues and challenges		
Relevant core concepts	core Place and space, scale, interdependence, physical and human processes, environmental impact and sustainable development, cultural awareness							
Relevant end points								
Core substantive knowledge	 Development indicators Inconsistencies in data and importance of using more than one indicator Human Development Indicator Demographic Transition Model Population pyramids Causes of development gap Effects of development gap Ways to reduce the development gap Ways to reduce the development gap Tourism as a way of reducing the development gap (Jamaica) 9 mark question practice NIGERIA: 	 Environmental impacts of rapid economic growth in Nigeria. The impacts rapid economic growth have had on Nigeria's quality of life. 9 mark question practice THE UK: The ways the UK economy have changed (de-industrialisation and a post-industrial economy.) Post-industrial economy in the UK (tertiary and quaternary sectors). Growth of the quaternary sector (science/business parks) 	 Overview of UK landscapes – physical, urban. Uses of the coastline Waves – terminology and anatomy of constructive and destructive waves Processes of weathering and erosion along the coastline Mass movement Headland & Bay and Wave cut platform formation Cave, arch, stack formation Processes of transportation (longshore drift) and deposition Formation of beaches and sand dunes 	 Water cycle and drainage basin recap using OS map River profiles and courses River processes – erosion and weathering River processes – transportation and deposition Erosional landforms in the upper course - V shape valley and interlocking spurs formation, waterfall and gorge Erosional and depositional landforms in the middle course - Meander and ox-bow lake formation 	 Generic fieldwork: Planning and introducing a piece of fieldwork Data collection Data presentation Data analysis Concluding a fieldwork Evaluating a fieldwork Exemplars of human and physical fieldworks available for replication: Physical: Is coastal engineering effective in managing erosion along the West Dorset Coastline? 	 Global patterns of urban change in differing parts of the world. Factors affecting the rate of urbanisation: migration and natural increase Introduction to Rio de Janeiro, including a breakdown of population statistics. Social and economic opportunities in Rio. Urban growth has resulted in social challenges, as well as solutions. Urban growth has resulted in economic challenges, as well as solutions. Urban growth has resulted in environmental challenges, as well as solutions. 		





	12. Location of Nigeria and its local and	7. Sustainability in industrial	10. Formation of spits, bars and	7. Depositional landforms in the	> How does the River Tillingbourne	8. The creation of favelas, including the
	global importance.	development	tombolos	lower course – estuary, floodplain	change as you move	quality of life that exists there.
	13. Nigeria's political, social, cultural	8. The ways rural populations have	11. Identifying coastal landforms	and levees	downstream?	9. Urban planning: How Brazil has tried to
	and environmental context.	changed in the UK.	12. Swanage Bay landforms	8. Locating river landforms on OS	Human:	improve the quality of life for people
	14. How Nigeria is connected with	9. The ways road and rail networks	13. Skills – direction and scale	maps using contour lines, grid	How is housing inequality	living in urban areas. Favela Bairro
	other countries.	have changed in the UK.	14. Why is it important to protect the	references and symbols	evident in Brixton?	Project
	15. Nigeria's industrial and	10. The way ports and airports have	coastline?	9. Reading storm hydrographs.		
	employment structure (the	changed in the UK.	15. Hard engineering strategies	What affects the likelihood of		
	movement from the primary to	11. The North-South divide	16. Soft engineering strategies	flooding (urbanisation,		
	secondary sector and how this	12. The ways the UK is linked with	17. Managed retreat	vegetation, deforestation, rock		
	affected economic development)	the wider world.	Case study: Dorset	type, gradient)		
	16. Advantages and disadvantages of	13. 9 mark question practice	_	10. Case study: social, economic and		
	TNCs in Nigeria – Shell and KFC.	14. A03 skills practice		environmental impacts of the		
	17. Aid in Nigeria	15. Geographical skills		Somerset Floods		
				11. Hard engineering		
				12. Soft engineering		
				13. Responses to the Somerset floods		
	☐ Data that shows us the economic	☐ Data that shows us the economic	☐ Marine geologists who study	☐ Limnologists (those who study	☐ Observation in the field	☐ Data that shows us the economic
	status of countries, from	status of countries, from	coastlines	fresh water) who dedicate their	☐ Previous fieldwork studies to	status of countries, from organisations
	organisations such office for	organisations such office for	☐ Coastal town planners who make	work to understanding and	understand the processes	such office for national statistics
	national statistics	national statistics	and publish decisions (such as	protecting rivers	involved in an enquiry	☐ Geographers who study global
	☐ Geographers who study global	☐ Social media and news articles	SMPs) on how to protect coastal	☐ Observation to determine similar		populations to determine how they vary
	populations to determine how they vary globally	that inform us on changes to aspects of the UK, such as	environments.	characteristics in rivers at varying scales		globally Social media and news articles that
Core	□ Warren Thompson created the DTM	transportation	Observation in the field to	☐ Cartographers who create maps to		helps to give an insight into quality of
disciplinary	in 1929	transportation	determine common	help determine features such as		life
knowledge	Demographers who create up to		characteristics in landscapes Social media and news articles	the relief of land		☐ Town planners that are experts in the
	date population graphs, such as		that help determine the potential	☐ Geographers who plan how to		solutions to urban challenges
	population pyramids		future threats to coastlines e.g.	protect areas from flooding		
	$\ \square$ Social media and news articles that		climate change	☐ Observation to determine the		
	helps to give an insight into quality		An understanding that landforms	causes and impacts of flooding		
	of life		change over time	☐ Geographers who create storm		
	First hand experience (e.g. tourism)			hydrographs		
			1	☐ News and social media		





Year 11

Brief overview

Year 11 see students finish their KS4 Geography education, culminating with their GCSE exams. The year starts with students studying the second half of the Changing Economic World unit, whereby students explore the economic changes in the UK, a country at a different stage of development to Nigeria. This includes concepts such as de-industrialisation, which builds on Social and Economic development studied in Year 7. Other concepts are also explored such as sustainability which builds on the sustainability unit studied in Year 8. During Autumn 2 students undertake their final unit where they study the fundamental resources of food, water, and energy. The unit begins with a study of the availability and distribution of these resources in the UK, as well as how their use and availability is changing. Students are well prepared for this exploration due to their coverage of rivers, climate change, resources, and development in previous years. The unit then focuses on food availability on a global scale. They will gain an understanding of areas of surplus and deficit, how the global atmospheric circulation model influences this, the impact of food insecurity and how countries are trying to increase food supply both commercially and sustainably. The Challenge of Resource Management is finished by the start of Spring 2. The remainder of year 11 will focus on consolidating and applying previous learning to complex exam style questions in preparation for GCSE exams. In Spring 2 students will study the issue evaluation unit released by the exam board that encourages critical thinking and problem solving demonstrating knowledge and understanding from all units of the specification.

	problem solving demonstrating knowledge and understanding from all units of the specification.							
Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1			
Unit title	Urban Issues and challenges	The Challenge of Resource Management	The Challenge of Resource Management	Revision	Issue Evaluation + Revision			
Relevant core concepts	Place and space	, scale, interdependence, physical c	and human processes, environmental i	mpact and sustainable developmer	nt, cultural awareness			
Relevant end points	in shaping us and how we experience the wor appreciate that we will always be shaped by s Scale: To be able to understand geography to Physical and human processes: To be human and physical processes interact to influctions of the influction of the influence of the	Id in the way that we do. To understand that place has s pace – the rivers, mountains, deserts, lake and seas that through a variety of different lenses; considering local, n able to understand the key physical and human process sence, and change landscapes; and how human activity in the billity: To be able to appreciate that human (and someting environmental impact can be lessened to achieve sustained.	t constrain us. national and global scales. ses that shape the world in which we live. To recognise how relies on effective functioning of natural systems.	To identify gaps in pupils knowledge and address these areas of concerns.	To be able to competently justify a decision related to a particular issue(s), using a broad range of synoptic information and evidence.			
Core substantive knowledge	 Population distribution in the UK Introduction to local major UK city: including social, economic, environmental and cultural characteristics Urban skills practice Urban growth has provided social and economic opportunities in local urban area Urban growth has provided environmental opportunities in local urban area Urban growth has resulted in challenges in local area: Creation of derelict areas and social inequality Urban growth has resulted in challenges in local area: housing and urban sprawl Urban growth has resulted in challenges in local area: pollution 9 mark question practice Case study: Urban Regeneration – reasons the area needed to be regenerated (local context) 	 The distribution of the world's essential resources (water, food, energy) The causes and impacts of importing food into the UK Organic farming and agribusiness Water demand and transfers in the UK Water pollution in the UK Impact of using energy in the UK The UK's energy mix Geographical skills practice 	 Water insecurity: Water – areas of global surplus and deficit Water and links to the GAC Demand for water resources is rising globally but availability of water and impacts of water insecurity. Factors affecting water supply. Impacts of water insecurity. The different strategies that can be used to increase water supply. Water – example of a large scale water transfer scheme – CAP (Central Arizona Project) Moving towards a sustainable resource future: An example of a local scheme in an LIC or NEE to increase sustainable supplies of water – Makueni sand dam 	Bespoke revision in response to previous mock exams	Issue evaluation (6 lessons based on pre release booklet): The issue(s) will arise from any aspect of the compulsory sections of the subject content but may extend beyond it using resources in relation to specific unseen contexts. Students develop knowledge and understanding of physical and human geography themes. This section is synoptic and the assessment will require students to use their learning of more than one of the themes across the compulsory units so that they can analyse a geographical issue at a range of scales, consider and select a possible option in relation to the issue(s) and justify their decision. Bespoke revision in response to previous mock exams			





	 Case study: Urban regeneration – the main features of the project (local context). AO3 skills practice Sustainable traffic management Sustainable urban management 				
Core disciplin knowle	ary	 Social media and news articles that inform us on resources in the UK Cartographers who map resources in the UK Government policies on water pollution in the UK (UKgov website) 	 □ Social media and news articles that inform us on the state of food security in the UK and globally □ Data from international organisations, such as WHO 	□ Dependant on the unit of work	 AQA exam board have researched particular issue to create pre release booklet Their information comes from news articles, social media, and internet research.