

## Understanding this is important because:

This introductory KS3 unit helps students understand what Geographers study. How do we think and write like a Geographer? Understanding these basic ideas will help students to approach their work through enquiry and to develop a questioning approach to studying the world.

## Key Skills:

- Learning to think like a Geographer
- Understanding how Geographers can classify ideas. Understanding some of the methods of enquiry and data types.
- Developing confidence with maps and atlases.

## Assessment:

### Summative:

- Knowledge test of key geographical terms and concepts

### Formative:

- Enquiry work, quizzes, Socratic questioning, homework

## Curriculum Enhancement:

- BBC News pages  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news>
- Ordnance Survey  
<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/>

## 'The Big Picture':

- What is Geography?
- How do we work and think like a Geographer?
- How do obtain and present different kinds of data?
- How can we use OS maps, photographs and atlases to investigate places?
- How do Geographers use models?

## Key Vocabulary / Terms:

Geography - the study of people and places

Human Geography -the man-made components of our planet

Physical Geography – the natural components of our planet

Primary data - original, first-hand information collected by a researcher

Secondary data - information collected and processed from another source

Latitude – a measure of how far north or south of the Equator a place is

Longitude – a measure of how far east or west of the Prime Meridian a place is

## Prior Learning

- KS2 Geography / topic work on various themes / basic map skills

## Next Learning

- Understanding our local area and the Geography of the United Kingdom
- An introduction to geology and the rock cycle.

## Cross Curricular Links:

- History, English, TPE

## Finding Connections With:

- The ways in which Geographical theme link together.
- News stories and current affairs.

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## Understanding this is important because:

Development is a complex topic and there are many ways to measure and understand how countries have developed over time. This unit will enable students to see the different perspectives on development and to question traditional and simplistic ideas.

## Key Skills:

- Understanding complex theories
- Questioning old and established ideas
- Mapping and analysing development data
- Seeing things from different perspectives.
- Understanding the concept of sustainable development

## Assessment:

### Summative:

- CCT knowledge-based tests

### Formative:

- ongoing and diagnostic feedback; 'purple pen' improvements

## Curriculum Enhancement:

- Gap minder website  
<https://www.gapminder.org/>

## 'The Big Picture':

- What is development?
- How can we measure economic development?
- What is the Human Development Index?
- What is your ecological footprint?
- What progress has been made towards the Sustainable Development Goals?
- How can gender equality lead to development?

## Key Vocabulary / Terms:

Development - change for the better.

Human Development Index (HDI)

Sustainable Development

Colonialism

## Prior Learning

- World location knowledge.
- What is an economy? From local to global.

## Next Learning

- Challenges and opportunities for countries in Africa.

## Cross Curricular Links:

- TPE, History, English Language, Maths

## Finding Connections With:

- Colonialism and past stories
- Equality and division
- Mapping and statistics

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In this unit student will develop knowledge and understanding of the global pattern of urbanisation and why rural to urban migration has occurred. We will focus on urban areas of London and Lagos to tell stories of the challenges and opportunities presented and to analyse the similarities and differences.

## Key Skills:

- Linking: Big-picture thinking
- Seeing alternative perspectives
- Analysing evidence and statistical data

## Assessment:

### Summative:

- Extended writing to understand how and why people move. Migrant stories

### Formative:

- Ongoing feedback, class discussions and targeted questioning, diagnostic quizzes

## Curriculum Enhancement:

- Welcome to Lagos (BBC documentary)
- Megacities (BBC documentary)

## 'The Big Picture':

- Why do people move and what impact does this have?
- Why do people migrate?
- The growth of megacities.
- Location and background to Lagos.
- Opportunities and Challenges in Lagos
- The growth of London
- Opportunities and Challenges in London

## Key Vocabulary / Terms:

Urbanisation  
Megacity  
Push and pull factors  
Migration  
Natural increase  
Urban challenges  
Urban opportunities

## Prior Learning

- Development issues
- Locational geography of cities and countries.
- Challenges for Africa

## Next Learning

- United Kingdom physical geography - understanding rivers and coastal environments.

## Cross Curricular Links:

- History, English Language, TPE

## Finding Connections With:

- Cultural changes, politics, economics

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# Year 10 - GCSE Geography - The Living World

## Understanding this is important because:

This unit of the GCSE specification introduces students to the concept of ecosystem and world biomes. Students develop an understanding of the links within ecosystems, the global climate system and the particular characteristics of Tropical Rainforest and Hot Deserts.

## Key Skills:

- Connections between different components of an ecosystem
- Big picture thinking about the global climate system
- Drawing and analysing climate graphs

## Assessment:

### Summative:

- Knowledge test and past paper questions

### Formative:

- Ongoing feedback both verbal and written

## Curriculum Enhancement:

- [www.aqa.co.uk](http://www.aqa.co.uk)
- BBC Documentaries from the Planet Earth Series (Pole to Pole, Rainforests, Deserts)

## 'The Big Picture':

- What are the components of ecosystems?
- How do nutrients recycle within ecosystems?
- Understanding food webs and food chains.
- The Global Atmospheric Circulation
- Distribution and characteristics of Tropical Rainforests
- Distribution and characteristics of Hot Deserts
- Challenges and opportunities for developing these environments.

## Key Vocabulary / Terms:

Ecosystem  
Biome  
Food chain  
Food web  
Global Atmospheric Circulation  
Nutrient recycling

## Prior Learning

- Prior KS3 study of major world features - continents and oceans.
- Weather and climate

## Next Learning

- The Changing Economic World
- The Challenge of Natural Hazards

## Cross Curricular Links:

- Biology

## Finding Connections With:

- Countries in different stages of development

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## Understanding this is important because:

This GCSE unit focuses on Natural Hazards and the human responses. The unit helps students understand plate tectonic theory and related hazards, atmospheric hazards and climate change over varying timescales.

## Key Skills:

- Resilience - learning and applying new vocabulary
- Making connections between different GCSE units (synoptic thinking).
- Precision - using atlases and other sources to understand the global patterns of hazards.'

## Assessment:

### Summative:

- Past paper questions

### Formative:

- Ongoing verbal and written feedback

## Curriculum Enhancement:

- BBC Documentaries - Earth: The Power of the Planet
- Royal Institution Christmas Lectures - 1995 series.
- Newspaper and news websites relating to current tectonic and atmospheric / weather hazards.

## 'The Big Picture':

- How do we define natural hazards?
- Understanding plate tectonics.
- Primary and secondary hazards resulting from tectonic activity.
- Case studies of tectonic events in two contrasting locations.
- Atmospheric hazards - hurricanes
- Extreme weather hazards in the UK
- Climate Change - natural and man made causes.

## Key Vocabulary / Terms:

Plate Tectonics.  
Hazard, Risk, Disaster  
Primary and secondary hazards  
Short and long term impacts and responses  
Weather and climate  
Climate change

## Prior Learning

- Key Stage 3 - earthquakes and volcanoes
- Development issues (Changing economic world)
- The Global Climate System

## Next Learning

- The Challenge of Resource Management

## Cross Curricular Links:

- Physics and Chemistry

## Finding Connections With:

- The Global Atmospheric Circulation
- Development differences

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# Year 12 - Geography - Paper - Water and Carbon

## Understanding this is important because:

Water and carbon cycles are the fundamental links to life on Earth. In this unit of the A level specification we understand the central role of water and the various stores and systems. Carbon is also examined via a systems approach. A key concept is the central idea of changing water and carbon budgets.

## Key Skills:

- **ANALYSING:** Key data sets and sources
- **BIG PICTURE THINKING** - Understanding synoptic links
- **INTELLECTUAL CONFIDENCE** - developing a wide geographical vocabulary and the ability to apply (AO2) knowledge to new situations.

## Assessment:

### Summative:

- Knowledge tests; past paper questions

### Formative:

- Ongoing feedback with A Level questions

## Curriculum Enhancement:

- Access to A level text books
- Geofactsheets

## 'The Big Picture':

- Understanding the systems approach
- The Hydrological cycle
- Changes through time and space
- Case study - a local scale river catchment
- The carbon cycle
- Links between carbon and water - the global climate system
- Climate change - Mitigation and Adaptation strategies
- Case Study - A Tropical Rainforest environment

## Key Vocabulary / Terms:

Systems, inputs - stores - processes - outputs

Hydrological cycle

Carbon cycle

Adaptation and mitigation

## Prior Learning

- GCSE: The Living World.
- Drainage basins and processes in the hydrological cycle

## Next Learning

Hazards

## Cross Curricular Links:

- Chemistry, Biology, Physics
- Government & Politics

## Finding Connections With:

- Hazards
- Global governance

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## Understanding this is important because:

This topic underpins understanding of globalisation, global systems and the structures of global governance.

## Key Skills:

- Big picture thinking
- Interpretation of Population Pyramids, use of triangular graphs, Interpretation of complex infographics

## Assessment:

### Summative:

- SFTS, Definitions test, Past paper questions, Year 13 mock exam, A level

### Formative:

- Ongoing feedback, verbal, questioning, self assessment, purple pen improvement

## Curriculum Enhancement:

- Videos, wider reading, A level Textbooks, Geofactsheets, Geofiles, Topic Eye, David Redfern Substack, FT for Students, The Economist online - shared via Google Classroom

## 'The Big Picture':

- What is Globalisation?
- What are the factors that underpin and enable globalisation to take place?
- What are the dimensions of globalisation?
- A case study of a TNC
- A case Study of a Food product
- An understanding of the varying levels of trade and unequal trade patterns globally
- LDCS and SDTs
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of global governance inc The United Nations
- The Global Commons
- A case study of a specific Global Common - Antarctica

## Key Vocabulary / Terms:

Globalisation  
 Financial Deregulation  
 TNC  
 WTO / WHO/ IMF / World Bank/ OECD/ OPEC  
 STD + LDC  
 United Nations - the UN Security Council  
 Vertical Integration + Horizontal Linkage  
 Climate Change - Climate Finance

## Prior Learning

- GCSE changing economic world unit
- Concepts of place, from Changing Places
- Concepts from Population and Environment

## Next Learning

Revision

## Cross Curricular Links:

- Business studies, Economics, Biology, Govt and Politics.

## Finding Connections With:

- Chemistry and History

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