

TERM	COURSE CONTENT: Knowledge and skills				
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Baseline test Becoming a geographer How do we study geography? How do we describe places? How do we use maps?	Active Earth What is a natural hazard? Why do some natural hazards cause more damage than others?	Population Can the world cope? Why are there contrasting rates of population growth around the world? How are countries responding to the challenges of population growth? Focus on the UK, China, USA and Mexico	The challenge of natural hazards Tectonic hazards Weather hazards Climate change	The living world (II) Tropical rainforests (Amazon/Malaysia) Cold environments (Svalbard/Alaska) The changing economic world (I) The development gap
ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES	End of unit assessment on map skills	GCSE style assessment on the structure of the earth and plate tectonics	End of unit topic assessment with GCSE style questions	GCSE Past paper questions Skills test	GCSE Past paper questions Skills test



2	Our island home What does the UK mean to me? Landscape in a box project	Active Earth (2) Living with risk How do countries respond to natural hazards? What is the evidence for continental drift? How do we classify/use rocks?	Middle East What and where is The Middle East? Is Dubai a sustainable city? Should people migrate to Dubai?	Urban issues and challenges(I) The urban world Opportunities and challenges of urban growth in a NEE (Brazil/Rio de Janeiro)	The changing economic world (II) Nigeria, a newly-emerging economy The changing UK economy
ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES	Annotated sketch map	Comparison of 2 earthquakes	GCSE style questions	Mock exam (full past paper)	GCSE Past paper questions Skills test Spelling test
3	Changing places Where do people live in the UK? How do settlements change over time? How can you solve traffic problems?	Africa: A continent of contrasts What is an ecosystem?	The geography of crime What is a crime? Where does crime occur?	Urban issues and challenges (II) Urban change in the UK (Bristol) Sustainable urban development (Freiburg, Malmo, Bedzed)	The challenge of resource management The global distribution and importance of resources Provision of food water and energy in the UK Global ENERGY management



ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES	Annotated sketch map	Extended writing/GCSE style question	Skills – scatter graphs/population pyramids GCSE style questions	GCSE Past paper questions Skills test Spelling test	GCSE Past paper questions Skills test Spelling test
4	Whatever the weather How does weather affect people? Why does it rain? What is microclimate? Fieldwork opportunities: school site investigation	Africa – a continent of contrasts To what extent does tourism help to develop a country Focus on Kenya	As cold as ice How does ice shape our landscapes? How do people live and work in cold environments? Focus on the Lake District and the Arctic/Antarctica	Physical landscapes in the UK (I) Coastal landscapes in the UK	Issue evaluation /revision



ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES	Key words Vocabulary test	GCSE style question	GCSE style assessment	GCSE Past paper questions Skills test Spelling test	Mock exam (full past paper)
5	21st century issues and the school environment enquiry What is climate change? What is the plastic problem? Is fracking safe? Should palm oil be banned? Fieldwork techniques based around the school site	Our changing coastline How do waves form? What are the main physical processes affecting our coastline?	Globalisation How are we all connected? Focus on global fashion industry Trainers/trade/paper bag game	Physical landscapes in the UK (II) River landscapes in the UK	Revision
ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES	Persuasive writing	Mapping exercise	GCSE style assessment	GCSE Past paper questions Skills test Spelling test	GCSE exams – Paper 1



6	The world of work and the tourism enquiry Field work technique Opportunities Focus on the Yorkshire Dales and Spain	Mapping Festivals What makes a good site for a festival? What are the social, economic and environmental impacts of music festivals?	Introduction to GCSE Geography Geographical skills and Issue evaluation	Fieldwork and Geographical skills Avon Beach and Henley on Thames The Living World (I) Ecosystems	Revision
ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES	Data analysis and evaluation of techniques	Evaluation of 4 festival sites Extended writing task	GCSE style assessment Issue evaluation/skills	Mock exam (full past paper)	GCSE exams – Paper 2 and 3