

Year 9 Geography

Subject and Year Group	Autumn 1 and (part of) 2	Autumn 2 and Spring 1	Spring 2 and Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic/Unit to be studied	Brazil	Antarctica and Oceans	Africa <i>(with a focus on East Africa)</i>	Issues of the Modern World
Core Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main human and physical features in Brazil? • What is the Amazon Rainforest like? • How are plants and animals adapted to live in the rainforest? • What are Favelas like? • How can Favelas be improved? • Why do landslides impact the poor in Brazil? <p><u>Key Vocabulary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buttress Roots • Drip-tip Leaves • Nutrient cycle • Favela • Pacification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is Antarctica so cold? • How is climate change impacting Antarctica? • How is tourism impacting Antarctica? • What is the Antarctic Treaty? • What is the ocean like? • What is threatening our oceans? • What are the most significant marine places on earth? <i>(New for 2022/23)</i> <p><u>Key Vocabulary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albedo • Katabatic Winds • Antarctic Treaty • Invasive species • Bycatch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main human and physical features in Africa? • How is desertification impacting people and how can we reduce this? • How is climate change impacting Africa? • What is the East African Rift Valley and why do people live near volcanos here? • What are the positives/negatives of tourism (east Africa)? • Why is Africa the least developed continent? • Are all African countries poor? <p><u>Key Vocabulary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desertification • Archipelago • Landlocked • Rift Valley • Ecotourism • Inequality • Human Development Index (HDI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does disease vary between HICs and LICs? • Should the ban on fracking be lifted in the UK? • Why is Japan a multi-hazard zone? • Why is there conflict in the Middle East? <i>(new for 2023/24)</i> • How is climate change impacting Indonesia? <i>(new for 2023/24)</i> <p><i>(focus may change based on relevant current affairs for this unit)</i></p> <p><u>Key Vocabulary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicable disease • Fracking • Multi-hazard Zone

Key Themes	Ecosystems Development and inequality Climate Mitigating Risk Global Resources	Hydrology Ecosystems Mitigating Risk Climate Global Resources	Development and inequality Globalisation Climate Hydrology Ecosystems Tectonic Processes	All themes
Key Geographical Skills	Drawing climate graphs Drawing annotated diagrams	Interpreting cross sections Developing Oracy	Annotating maps Drawing annotated diagrams	This draws upon core knowledge and skills gained from throughout KS3
Assessment	Mid topic Knowledge Check Subject Knowledge Assessment	Antarctica tourism Task Oracy Task: Threats to the ocean Mid topic Knowledge Check Subject Knowledge Assessment	Mid topic Knowledge Check Subject Knowledge Assessment Africa misconceptions Task	Mid topic knowledge check End of year assessment