## **Geography Key Stage 3**

Year 8

# Exploring my world

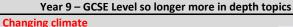
Intro to Geography; topics, skills & main concepts
Locational knowledge at a range of scales
Basic intro to age of Earth (geological timescale)
Recap & extend map & atlas skills
Develop a sense of place

Year 7



## Can the Earth cope?

Locate and describe the world's major biomes
Study how soils are formed and soils in different ecosystems.
Understand the structure and threats to the tropical rain forest
The environment of hot deserts and cultures that live in them
Introduce the causes and effects of desertification in arid regions.
The natural landscape of the Arctic tundra & changing ways of life



What are the natural causes of climate change?
How are human activities causing climate change?
What are the possible consequences of climate change?







## The Air around us

Define key vocabulary and different types of weather
Measure & forecast weather (micro climate observation)
Understand 3 types of rainfall
Air pressure and depressions
Study major climate zones and their locations
How climate affects activities such as framing & tourism

## Where do we live?

Understand causes of urbanisation (eg rural to urban migration)
Pressure on services & changing functions of growing urban areas.
Case study of a rapidly growing city in India and its current issues.
Different land uses and how this can be modelled
Issues in richer cities (eg crime, transport, housing)
Compare the sustainability of current & future urban development

#### **Development Dynamics**

How do we define and measure development?
How do demographic data vary at different levels of development?
What are the causes and consequences of global inequalities?
How do development theories explain development?
Are top-down or bottom-up approaches to development more successful?

## **Population**

Study the increase in population at different scales
Intro to global spread of humans over time
Causes for the change in population & DTM
How to interpret population structure from graphs
Example of policies to control population increase/decrease
Population growth and pressure on resources
Different types and reasons for migration

## **Africa focus**

Introduce the diversity of African cultures and natural landscapes Consider the different levels of development within the continent Study the distribution of population, cities and economic activity Consider causes & effects of issues and conflicts, such as piracy Study the role of tourism as a growing industry in some regions Develop enquiry skills to investigate information sources

## **INDIA**

How has India's development been influenced by its location and global links?

How are globalisation and other changes in the economy linked to India's development?

What impacts has rapid economic change in India had on its people and environment?

## How water shaped the land

Geological timescale
The extent of the last ice age
How glaciers are formed
Evidence of glaciation (landforms)
Recap and extend knowledge of water cycle
Processes of erosion and deposition in rivers
Features along a river's course



## Coasts & flooding

How we use the coast
Causes of coastal erosion; waves, Lsd, fetch, geology
Study coastal erosion landforms
Understand processes and landforms of deposition
Coastal defence strategies and methods
Compare coastal and river flooding – causes
Compare coastal and river flooding - management



## **Hazardous Earth**

How does the world climate system function? How are extreme weather events increasingly hazardous for people?

What impacts do tropical storms have on people and environments?

What are some countries more vulnerable to tropical cyclones? How do countries prepare for and respond to tropical cyclones? How does the structure influence plate tectonics?

What happens when tectonic plates move?

What are the different types of volcanoes?

What are the impacts of and responses to volcanic hazards? What are the impacts of and responses to earthquakes?







## Russia focus

Location knowledge of Russia and its major cities and features Different biomes and climates zones within Russia Distribution of Russia's population and industry Issues in modern Russia such as conflict over the Crimea region Social issues such as low birth rate and economic problems Case study on a specific landscape and how it is threatened

## **China focus**

Overview of the diverse culture and history of China
Highlight China's rapid, recent economic development
Location knowledge of China's major cities and features
What is life like in a new city such as Chongqing
Impacts of economic growth on nat. environments
Compare China's trade and links with rest of world