

Subject: Geography
KS3 Curriculum Map

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Cycle 1	What skills do I need to understand my place in the world? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to human, physical and environmental geography • Atlas skills including continents, seas, and oceans and exploration of Africa, Russia, Asia, and the Middle East • Longitude and latitude • Physical and human geography of UK and Ireland. • Grid references • OS maps including scale, measuring distance, contour lines and relief 	How is the UK's climate influenced by human activity? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in climate from the last Ice Age to present day • Recording the weather. • Factors affecting the weather in the UK. • Microclimate investigation. • Causes and impacts of the recent extreme weather in the UK. • Causes of climate change. • Impacts of climate change. • Climate activism. 	To what extent should Indonesia celebrate its success as the world's largest producer of palm oil? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of tropical rainforests. • Biodiversity. • Importance of tropical rainforests. • Physical and human geography of Indonesia. • Causes of deforestation. • Environmental, social, and economic impacts of deforestation. • Sustainable palm oil.
Cycle 2	What makes Leicester a unique city? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location factors • Types of settlement • Land use patterns • Causes of urbanisation • Multiculturalism in Leicester • The housing crisis and the use of greenfield, brownfield and greenbelt land • Urban regeneration of Leicester city centre • Urban sustainability in Masdar City. 	With what evidence can we challenge Malthus's theory that <i>'the human population will outgrow our capabilities'</i>? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population density and distribution • Demographic Transition Model • Population pyramids • Overpopulation vs overconsumption • Malthus and Boserup's theories of overpopulation • Exploration of why China has a gender imbalance and why Chinese maternity wards are closing down with reference to the One Child Policy. 	Why is Nigeria's economic development at a crossroads? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development gap of Nigeria • Physical geography of Nigeria to include climate zones and biomes. • Human geography of Nigeria including the political, social, and cultural context • Impacts of globalisation on Nigeria • Nigeria's changing industrial structure. • Impacts of TNC's on Nigeria's development • Impacts of international aid on Nigeria • Relationship between economic development and quality of life
Cycle 3	Why has the construction of Ethiopia's Grand Renaissance Dam threatened the very existence of Egypt? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water cycle • Major rivers of the world • Changes in the long profile of rivers from source to mouth with link to River Nile • Landforms in the upper course – Blue Nile Falls • Landforms in the lower course – Nile Delta • Opportunities for development • Impacts of the Grand Renaissance Dam 	Why do Belgium and the DRC have vastly different levels of development despite their shared history? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development gap • Measuring development • Physical and historical causes of uneven development, with a focus on the DRC and Belgium • The consequences of development in the DRC and Belgium • How tourism can be used to reduce the development gap 	Why do many volcanologists agree that Iceland is well prepared to handle volcanic risk? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Layers of the Earth and continental drift • Plate boundaries • Iceland as the land of fire and ice • How Iceland's experiences pre- and post- WWII have shaped the country today • Iceland's development • Tourism in Iceland • Comparing the impacts and responses to the eruption of Eyjafjallajokull and Mt Nyiragongo?