


Geography @ WBS year 9 roadmap

Aim: Year 9 will provide a good balance of human and physical topics, developing on earlier KS3 years and preparing for GCSE. Pupils will be given opportunity to practice GCSE style 9 mark evaluative questions within their assessments. An introduction to political geography is incorporated through the China unit, also allowing for cross curricular links which is especially important for those pupils who will not be continuing Geography at GCSE. The unit on Fairtrade will allow for group work and presentation skills. Pupils will end the year with a topic that will lead directly in to the AQA GCSE course.

Timetable promotion		Assessment
Autumn term	Topic 1: Volcanoes <p>A topic that leads in to the GCSE course. A study of volcanoes to include a review of plate tectonics, location, structure, hazards and management.</p>	<p>You will have a mixture of key assessments and formats throughout your time in year 8 that will focus on geographical skills as well as your knowledge.</p> <p><u>Topic 1:</u> Volcanoes Test</p> <p><u>Topic 2:</u> Ocean Literacy Task</p> <p><u>Topic 3:</u> 12 mark China Q</p> <p><u>Topic 4:</u> Question paper</p> <p><u>Topic 5:</u> The Great Green Wall</p> <p><u>Topic 6:</u> Fairtrade Presentation</p>
	Topic 2: Ocean Threats <p>An overview of world biomes to lead on to a focus on the ocean biome. Students will learn about the fragile coral reefs and the human and natural threats to the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. The issues of plastic in our oceans will also be covered along with solutions.</p>	
	Topic 3: China <p>Key country study to include the physical geography of China and its' impact on population distribution. Students will learn how the country has been shaped by communism, the one child policy, the role of superpower China and the Three Gorges Dam.</p>	
Spring term	Topic 4: Cold Environments <p>A physical unit looking at the processes of glaciation and hazards within mountain environments. Case studies to include the Himalayas and the Arctic Circle.</p>	
	Topic 5: Africa and Culture <p>A look at the continent of Africa, historical connections to the British Empire and the impact on development. A focus on the Great Green Wall project and cultural geography will be explored.</p>	
Summer term	Topic 6: Fairtrade <p>An overview of food security around the world, to lead on to local vs global food. Links made to climate change through the impact of our diets. The unit will end on Fairtrade and how this can help development of the world's poorest farmers.</p>	
Homework and Revision		
<p>All homework is set through Brightspace and will have a deadline set across two weeks.</p> <p>Each topic will include one key homework as outlined below and one opportunity for revision/ assessment preparation.</p> <p><u>Homework 1:</u> Volcanoes Quiz</p> <p><u>Homework 2:</u> Ladybird Booklet</p> <p><u>Homework 3:</u> Research a Province in China</p> <p><u>Homework 4:</u> Cold environments reading task</p> <p><u>Homework 5:</u> Species of Madagascar Poster</p> <p><u>Homework 6:</u> Design a Fairtrade chocolate bar poster</p>		
Enrichment themes		
<p>Citizenship– pupils will develop empathy for different cultures and values through the China and Africa units.</p> <p>Cross curricular -links made to history through topic 3 and science through topics 2, 4 and 6.</p>		

Where next?

GCSE geography follows year 9. Students will be well prepared for the rigours of the new AQA course that develops learning from the three years at KS3. Students will continue to learn about a range of human and physical geographical topics, currents issues and key debates. There will be further development of maths and geographical skills alongside guidance for fieldwork and issue evaluation to help successfully complete the 3 exams at the end of the course.