

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: Cold Environments 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.	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. Topic 1: Question paper Topic 2: Ocean Literacy Task Topic 3: 12 mark China Q Topic 4: Volcanoes Test Topic 5: The Great Green Wall Topic 6: Fairtrade Presentation	
	Topic 2: Ocean Threats 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.		
	Topic 3: China 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.		
Spring term	Topic 4: Volcanoes A physical unit looking at the processes of glaciation and hazards within mountain environments. Case studies to include the Himalayas and the Arctic Circle.	You will have a deadline set across two weeks. Each topic will include one key homework, typically a retrieval quiz on Carousel. Homework 1: Volcanoes Quiz Homework 2: Coral Reefs Quiz Homework 3: Issues in China Quiz Homework 4: Cold environments Quiz Homework 5: Great Green Wall Quiz Homework 6: Fairtrade project preparation	
	Topic 5: Africa and Culture 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.		
Summer term	Topic 6: Fairtrade 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.	Enrichment themes Citizenship– pupils will develop empathy for different cultures and values through the China and Africa units. Cross curricular -links made to history through topic 3 and science through topics 2, 4 and 6.	



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.

