



## KS3 Curriculum Overview (Year 7 and 8)

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### Year 7

During Year 7 students...

#### Autumn Term

The first term in Year 7 Geography is dedicated to developing basic map skills such as using an atlas effectively and grid references. Students also practice research and source analysis skills which will aid them in further studies of the subject. One of the places chosen as a case study to support student learning are the Falkland Islands.

#### Spring Term

Students will then move on to look at the hazardous nature of our planet and environment. They will examine how glaciation has shaped our environment. Students will investigate the threats and opportunities created by volcanoes and assessing why the UK no longer has active examples.

#### Summer Term

Students will be transported to Africa to learn about the different aspects of life in the Democratic Republic of Congo. They will learn the environment, social and economic issue that face a low income country.

### Year 8

During Year 8 students...

#### Autumn Term

Students will begin Year 8 by examining the opportunities and challenges of urban life in major cities. This will lead students to make links to why many major cities are coastal. Finally students will examine the changing nature of our coasts.

#### Spring Term

Students then go on to study India and China in Asia. Students will contrast the countries and look at aspects such as development and population growth. Students will examine their growth from low income countries to newly industrialised countries.

#### Summer Term

Students examine different environments of Oceania, in particular the different physical features of New Zealand. They will explore the natural side of mountain environments and how humans use them, often for tourism.