

KS4 Curriculum Map – Geography:

	Substantive Knowledge	Disciplinary Knowledge (Skills)	Assessment Opportunities
Topic	This is the specific, factual content for the topic, which should be connected into a careful sequence of learning.	This is the action taken within a particular topic in order to gain substantive knowledge.	What assessments will be used to measure student progress?
Coastal Landscapes in the UK	 Wave types and characteristics Coastal processes including weathering processes, mass movement, erosion, transportation & deposition. How geological structure and rock type influence coastal forms. Coastal landforms including headlands and bays, cliffs and wave cut platforms, caves, arches, stacks, beaches, sand dunes, spits and bars. The Dorset Coast's major landforms. Hard & soft engineering strategies New Brighton's coastal management techniques. 	 Interpretation of coastal processes and how geology influences coastal landforms. Assessment of the formation of key landforms. Interpretation of the physical processes that lead to the formation of landforms. Use named example of the Dorset coast to assess the landforms found along that stretch of coastline. Evaluation of coastal management techniques. 	 Mid topic knowledge test Multiple-choice substantive knowledge tests Extended prose questions Summative end of unit test
River Landscapes in the UK	 The long profile and changing cross profile of a river and its valley. Fluvial processes, erosion, transportation, and deposition Interlocking spurs, waterfalls and gorges. Meanders and ox-bow lakes. Levées, flood plains and estuaries. The long profile of the River Severn Human & physical factors affecting flood risk. Flood hydrographs 	 Interpretation of long and cross profile of a river and its valley. Assessment of key fluvial processes. Interpretation of the physical processes that lead to the formation of erosional and depositional landforms. Use named example of the River Severn coast to assess its journey from source to mouth 	 Mid topic knowledge test Multiple-choice substantive knowledge tests Extended prose questions Summative end of unit test

	 Hard & Soft engineering strategies Case Study of Cockermouth flood management scheme. 	 Interpretation of the reasons why people continue to live in areas at risk from a tectonic hazard. Assessment of the causes of flooding. Interpretation of flood hydrographs. Use of a named example to evaluate flood management techniques. 	
The Living World	 An example of a small-scale UK ecosystem students develop knowledge of producers, consumers, decomposers, food chain, food web and nutrient cycling. Large scale natural global ecosystems. Tropical rainforests including their physical characteristics How plants and animals adapt to the physical conditions. Issues related to biodiversity. A case study of the Amazon rainforest. Sustainable management of the rainforest. Hot deserts including the physical characteristics of a hot desert. How plants and animals adapt to the physical conditions and issues related to biodiversity. A case study of the hot deserts of the SW USA. Desertification and strategies to reduce it. 	 Assessment of a small-scale eco-system (Sefton Park Lake) Evaluation of large scale global ecosystems. Assessment of the characteristics of tropical rainforests and they way that plants and animals adapt to the climate. Evaluation of issues associated with biodiversity. Use named example of the Amazon rainforest to assess the opportunities and challenges associated with that eco-system Named example of the hot deserts of the SW USA to assess the opportunities and challenges faced within that eco-system. Evaluation of desertification and the strategies to reduce it. 	 Mid topic knowledge test Multiple-choice substantive knowledge tests Extended prose questions Summative end of unit test
The challenge of natural hazards	 Natural hazards pose major risks to people and property. Earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are the result of physical processes. The effects of, and responses to, a tectonic hazard vary between areas of contrasting levels of wealth. Management can reduce the effects of a tectonic hazard. 	 Interpretation of the key natural hazards and an assessment of the factors affecting hazard risk. Assessment of the global distribution of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions and their relationship to plate margins. Interpretation of the physical processes taking place at different types of plate margin (constructive, destructive and conservative) that lead to earthquakes and volcanic activity. 	 Mid topic knowledge test Multiple-choice substantive knowledge tests Extended prose questions Summative end of unit test

- Global atmospheric circulation helps to determine patterns of weather and climate.
- Tropical storms have significant effects on people and the environment.
- The UK is affected by a number of weather hazards.
- Extreme weather events in the UK have impacts on human activity.
- Climate change is the result of natural and human factors, and has a range of effects.
- Managing climate change involves both mitigation (reducing causes) and adaptation (responding to change).

- Use named examples (Haiti and Japan) to assess how the effects and responses to a tectonic hazard vary between two areas of contrasting levels of wealth.
- Interpretation of the reasons why people continue to live in areas at risk from a tectonic hazard.
- Assessment of how monitoring, prediction, protection and planning can reduce the risks from a tectonic hazard.
- Interpretation of General atmospheric circulation model links to the key climatic and global weather patterns.
- An understanding of the relationship between tropical storms and general atmospheric circulation.
- Link the causes of tropical storms and the sequence of their formation and development.
- Assessment of how climate change might affect the distribution, frequency and intensity of tropical storms.
- Using a named example of a tropical storm to assess its effects and the quality of the responses.
- Assessment of how monitoring, prediction, protection and planning can reduce the effects of tropical storms.
- Assessment of the evidence that weather is becoming more extreme in the UK.
- Interpret the evidence for climate change from the beginning of the Quaternary period to the present day.
- Assessment of the possible causes of climate change.
- Evaluation and assessment of the relative success of the strategies to manage climate change.

Urban issues and challenges	 A growing percentage of the world's population lives in urban areas. Urban growth creates opportunities and challenges for cities in LICs and NEEs. Urban change in cities in the UK leads to a variety of social, economic and environmental opportunities and challenges. Urban sustainability requires management of resources and transport. 	 Using data to interpret urban trends in different parts of the world including HICs and LICs. Comparative assessment of the factors affecting the rate of urbanisation. A case study of a major city in an LIC or NEE (Rio) to assess the challenges and opportunities created by urban growth. Assessment of how urban planning is improving the quality of life for the urban poor. A case study of a major city in the UK (Liverpool) to assess the challenges and opportunities created by urban change. Assessment of how urban regeneration is improving the quality of life for the urban residents. Interpretation and assessment of the extent to which the features of sustainable urban living are successful. 	 Mid topic knowledge test Multiple-choice substantive knowledge tests Extended prose questions Summative end of unit test
The challenge of resource management (water option)	 Food, water and energy are fundamental to human development. The changing demand and provision of resources in the UK create opportunities and challenges. Demand for water resources is rising globally but supply can be insecure, which may lead to conflict. Different strategies can be used to increase water supply. 	 Assessment of the significance of food, water and energy to economic and social well-being. Interpretation of the patterns of global inequalities in the supply and consumption of resources. An overview of food, water and energy resources in relation to the UK with an assessment of the consequences of a changing demand and provision of these resources. Interpretation of the global patterns of water surplus and deficit. Interpretation of the reasons for increasing water consumption. Assessment of the factors affecting water availability. 	 Mid topic knowledge test Multiple-choice substantive knowledge tests Extended prose questions Summative end of unit test

		 Assessment of the strategies (large-scale and local-scale) to increase water supply and evaluation of their levels of sustainability. 	
The changing economic world	 There are global variations in economic development and quality of life. Various strategies exist for reducing the global development gap. Some LICs and NEEs are experiencing rapid economic development which leads to significant social, environmental and cultural change. 	 Assessment of the different ways of classifying parts of the world according to their level of economic development and quality of life. To what extent can stages of the Demographic Transition Model and the level of development be linked? Assessment of the causes and consequences of uneven development 	 Mid topic knowledge test Multiple-choice substantive knowledge tests Extended prose questions Summative end of unit test
The changing employment patterns	 Major changes in the economy of the UK have affected, and will continue to affect, employment patterns and regional growth. 	 An overview and assessment of the strategies used to reduce the development gap. A case study of one LIC or NEE (Nigeria) to illustrate the causes and impacts of rapid industrial growth. Interpretation of data to find out how the industrial structure of the UK has changed. Assessment of the consequences of this changing structure. Assessment of the relative successes of the strategies to resolve regional differences. Evaluation of the place of the UK in the wider world. 	