

## Year 9 Geography Curriculum Summary 2023/24

Unit / title	Threshold concepts / core knowledge / links to previous and future learning	Formative (interim) assessment / homework	Formal assessment
Life in the City	Students will learn how and why cities around the world have grown in recent years. They will consider the causes and effects of rapid urbanisation in some of the world's less developed countries with a focus on Mumbai, India. They will also study Manchester's recent growth and the subsequent challenges and opportunities for the local population and environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of topic test.</li> <li>• One piece of extended writing.</li> <li>• Key terms test.</li> <li>• Homework will be aligned to these interim assessments.</li> </ul>	None
Asia	Students will learn about the physical and human geography of Asia with a particular focus on the physical, human and political geography of the Middle East. Students will investigate the controversies around Qatar's hosting of the 2022 FIFA World Cup.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One piece of extended writing.</li> <li>• Key terms test.</li> <li>• Homework will be aligned to these interim assessments.</li> </ul>	Written assessment completed under exam conditions. The assessment will include short and longer answer questions and also cover geographical skills.
Restless Earth	Students will study earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. They develop an understanding of the tectonic processes that cause some of the world's most devastating disasters. Students will examine the causes and effects of and the responses to these events. They will also consider why a country's economic status influences its vulnerability to these hazards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of topic test.</li> <li>• One piece of extended writing.</li> <li>• Key terms test.</li> <li>• Homework will be aligned to these interim assessments.</li> </ul>	None
Climate Change	Students will study the natural and human causes of climate change. They identify the current and future impacts on society, the environment and economic activity. They also critically consider potential solutions to the crisis including individual, community, national and global initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One piece of extended writing.</li> <li>• Key terms test.</li> <li>• Homework will be aligned to these interim assessments.</li> </ul>	Written assessment completed under exam conditions. The assessment will include short and longer answer questions and also cover geographical skills.
Indian Ocean: challenges & opportunities	<b>Indian Ocean.</b> In this final Key Stage 3 topic, students draw together their previous learning through a study of the countries located on the Indian Ocean coastline. They explore different physical environments and consider how these places have shaped human culture and traditions. This topic covers broad range of countries including South Africa, Somalia, India and Australia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of topic test.</li> <li>• One piece of extended writing.</li> <li>• Key terms test.</li> <li>• Homework will be aligned to these interim assessments.</li> </ul>	None