



INTEGRITY • COMMITMENT • RESPECT

ST JOHN'S
SCHOOL

(GEOGRAPHY)

Year 7 – 11 Curriculum rationale

Curriculum intent:

Literacy/Reading/Oracy opportunities:

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Why?	<p>Links to NC coverage as students need to understand, through the use of detailed place-based exemplars at a variety of scales, the key processes in physical geography relating to geological timescales and plate tectonics.</p> <p>Links to NC coverage as students need to understand, through the use of detailed place-based exemplars at a variety of scales weather and climate, including the change in climate from the Ice Age to the present and glaciation.</p>	<p>National curriculum coverage by extending student locational knowledge and deepen their spatial awareness of the world’s countries using maps of the world to focus on Africa Asia and the Middle East, focusing on their environmental regions including hot deserts.</p> <p>Links to the Geography intent by creating opportunities for students to understand the impact they have on fragile environments.</p>	<p>Links to the Geography intent by creating opportunities for students to understand the impact they have on fragile environments.</p> <p>National Curriculum Understands the processes that give rise to key physical and human geographical features of the world, how these are interdependent and how they bring about spatial variation and change over time</p> <p>Links to the Geography intent by creating opportunities for students to develop their enquiry skills.</p> <p>National Curriculum Develops contextual knowledge of the location of globally significant places – both terrestrial and marine – including their defining physical</p>

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Year 10	<p>Section A- 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. Global atmospheric circulation helps determine patterns of weather and climate. Tropical storms (hurricanes, cyclones, typhoons) develop as a result of particular physical conditions. 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).</p>	<p>Section B – The living world Ecosystems exist at a range of scales and involve the interaction between biotic and abiotic components. Tropical rainforest ecosystems have a range of distinctive characteristics. Deforestation has economic and environmental impacts. Tropical rainforests need to be managed to be sustainable. Hot desert ecosystems have a range of distinctive characteristics. Development of hot desert environments creates opportunities and challenges. Areas on the fringe of hot deserts are at risk of desertification.</p>	<p>Section C – physical landscapes in the UK The UK has a range of diverse landscapes. The coast is shaped by a number of physical processes. Distinctive coastal landforms are the result of rock type, structure and physical processes. Different management strategies can be used to protect coastlines from the effects of physical processes. The shape of river valleys changes as rivers flow downstream. Distinctive fluvial landforms result from different physical processes. Different management strategies can be used to protect river landscapes from the effects of flooding.</p>
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	<p>Urban Issues and Challenges This unit helps students understand the rapid growth of cities and the opportunities and challenges this creates at different scales. Students study global patterns of urbanisation, with a focus on a major city in a developing country and a city in the UK.</p>	<p>The Changing Economic World This unit focuses on global development and the factors that influence economic growth and quality of life. Students examine global inequalities, different levels of development, and strategies used to reduce the development gap. Key areas of study include: Measuring development and quality of life Causes of uneven development Development strategies, including aid, investment and tourism Economic change in the UK, including the decline of traditional industries and growth of the service sector #</p>	<p>Physical Landscapes in the UK This unit introduces students to the physical geography of the UK, focusing on the processes that shape our landscapes. Students study either coastal or river landscapes, developing an understanding of natural processes and human management. Students learn about: Weathering, erosion, transportation and deposition Landforms and how they are created Flooding and coastal erosion risks Hard and soft engineering strategies</p>
Why?	<p>Through this topic, students explore: Causes and consequences of urban growth Social, economic and environmental challenges in cities Sustainable urban planning and regeneration Quality of life and inequality within urban areas This unit develops students' ability to think critically about how cities function and how they can be managed sustainably in the future. It also builds strong case study skills and supports understanding of contemporary global issues.</p>	<p>This topic helps students understand the interconnected nature of the global economy and encourages them to evaluate different approaches to development. It builds awareness of global responsibility and prepares students to engage with real-world economic debates.</p>	<p>This unit strengthens scientific thinking and helps students understand how physical processes interact with human activity. It also supports fieldwork skills and spatial awareness, which are central to geographical enquiry.</p>
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and carers can help	Dorling, D. – Inequality and the 1% BBC Bitesize: Urban Issues and Challenges The Guardian Cities section (selected articles) National Geographic: Urbanisation resources	Gapminder.org – Development data and animations Hans Rosling – Factfulness BBC Bitesize: The Changing Economic World World Bank education resources (simplified summaries)	BBC Bitesize: Physical Landscapes in the UK Royal Geographical Society (RGS) resources for students Met Office education pages National Trust resources on UK landscapes
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