Geography

Topics taught			
Year Group	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	**Map Skills** • Scale, direction and grid references • Contour lines • Reading and creating maps **The Amazon** • South America and the Amazon rainforest • Climate and rainforest ecosystems • Debating industrialisation and sustainable tourism alternatives	**Investigating the UK's Human Geography** • Migration, globalisation and multicultural Britain • Using maps and data to identify trends **Geology Through Time** • Rock types in the UK • How the UK's geology has changed over time	**Rivers** • River processes and landforms • Impacts of flooding on people and the environment **Amazing Africa** • Africa's human and physical geography • Biomes, landscapes and their impact on daily life
Year 8	**Population** • World population growth: causes, impacts and management • Balancing population and resources **Cold Environments** • Tourism in Antarctica • Processes shaping cold landscapes • Threats to cold environments	**Tectonic Hazards** • Plate tectonics and the hazards it creates • Impacts of tectonic hazards on people • Case studies of how countries manage and adapt to hazards	**Wild Weather** • Weather and climate • Climate change and its impacts • Introduction to fieldwork and geographical enquiry
Year 9	**Urbanising World** • Why cities grow and how urbanisation changes places **Global Resources** • The Middle East as a regional focus	**Development** • Case studies of the USA, Ghana and Nigeria **Reducing the Development Gap** • Tourism • Economic strategies	**Superpowers** • What makes a country a superpower? **The Middle East** • Locating and exploring the region

Year Group	What parents can do to support learning	Useful links and reference materials	Revision for end of Year Exam
Year 7	• Encourage your child to watch the news and look out for stories about human and physical geography. • Keep an atlas at home for your child to use.	• National Geographic • Geography in the News (NGfL Cymru, legacy resource) • Ordnance Survey • Office for National Statistics: 2011 Census	Revise all topics covered before the exam. Use class teacher resources.
Year 8	• Encourage your child to watch the news and look out for stories about human and physical geography. • Keep an atlas at home for your child to use.	• Geography in the News (NGfL Cymru, legacy resource) • BBC News: Science & Environment • BBC Bitesize: Tourism	Revise all topics studied up to the assessment point. Class teachers will provide revision resources.
Year 9	• **Autumn** Compare maps or photos of London from different years. Ask your child what has changed and how city growth affects demand for resources. • **Spring** Find the USA, Ghana and Nigeria in an atlas. Ask your child to explain one way tourism could help narrow the development gap and one limitation. • **Summer** Choose a news story about a major world power or a country in the Middle East. Find the places on a map and discuss what gives countries influence.	• World atlas for locating the places studied • BBC News: Science & Environment • BBC Bitesize: Tourism	Use class notes and teacher guidance provided. Practise explaining key terms and using examples from the case studies.