



# Year 9 Curriculum Grid

## Geography

Year/Term	Unit	Intent	Skills
September to November	Global Issues	In this topic, Year 9 students will engage with pressing "Global Issues." They will use their knowledge of various countries that they have explored in year 8 and investigate the causes, impacts and solutions to some of the greatest threats to our environment, including, plastic in the oceans, climate change, the destruction of wilderness areas and increasing use of Antarctica. This unit will encourage critical thinking, empathy, and a sense of responsibility toward addressing these issues on a global scale.	Choropleth Maps Pie charts Satellite images
November to January	Our Physical World	During the "Our Physical World" unit, Year 9 students will explore the fundamental elements of Earth's physical geography. They will study geological processes, landforms, plate tectonics, and natural hazards. This topic will provide students with a deep understanding of the dynamic forces that shape our planet.	Longitude and Latitude Bar charts Divided Bar charts Scatter graphs Reading of areal photos and satellite images
January to March	Coasts	In this unit, Year 9 students will delve into the "Coasts" topic, examining coastal environments, landforms, and processes. They will explore coastal erosion, deposition, and the impact of human activities on coastlines. Additionally, students will learn about coastal management strategies and their implications for both people and ecosystems.	OS map skills- grid references, map symbols and contour lines
March to May	Unequal World	During the "Unequal World" unit, Year 9 students will investigate global inequalities in wealth, development, and access to resources. They will explore the causes and consequences of these disparities, including factors like poverty, education, healthcare, and gender inequality. This topic will encourage critical analysis of social and economic issues.	Choropleth Maps Atlas skills Range of graphs
June to July	Focus on Africa	In the "Africa" unit, Year 9 students will focus on the diverse continent of Africa. They will study its geography, including regions, landforms, and climate. This unit will end our three years of study by combining the range of skills and ideas that students have gained. Students will also explore the rich cultural heritage, history, and contemporary challenges faced by African nations, fostering a comprehensive understanding of this important part of the world.	Atlas skills OS map skills Range of data and graph interpretation skills