Curriculum Overview – Year 10 Geography

Sequencing of topics	What knowledge will students develop? (Including key terminology)	What skills will students develop? (Including literacy & numeracy)	Assessment opportunities	Homework opportunities	Personal development (Ursuline Values, Catholic Social Teaching, Cultural Capital, Cross- curricular, Careers)	Curriculum links
		Autumn	Term 1			
Ecosystems and Tropical Rainforests	 What an ecosystem is and examples at different scales (local to biome) Main components of an ecosystem and how food webs operate. (producers, consumers, decomposers, nutrient cycling) Interrelationships between elements of an ecosystem and how changes can have wider impacts. Example of Epping Forest ecosystem How the world's major ecosystems are distributed. Applying what has been learnt about ecosystems to the tropical rainforest (soil, vegetation, living creatures, climate, people) Adaptation of plants and animals to the specific rainforest conditions. (a number of examples for each) 	 Interpreting diagrammatic information (e.g. food webs) Handling and interpreting climate data and climate graphs. Describing data and location. Using case study details in answers. 	 Rainforest research project Book look End of topic assessment 	 Learning key terms Educake tasks GCSE exam questions Reading articles and the news 	United in harmony: when we consider the global impact of deforestation Discerning and joyful: at the vast biodiversity found in tropical rainforests Leading others in pursuit of justice: The power of activism on global issues such as deforestation Care for creation Solidarity Personal Cultural Social Science English Maths	KS3 links Builds on the knowledge of weather and climate Builds on knowledge of the ecosystem and rainforests topic KS4 links Creates a basis for the hot desert topic KS5 links Links to Amazon rainforest case study

• The meaning of biodiversity and		0	Biologist	
what this means in the rainforest.		0	Environmentalist	
what this means in the furnitiest.		0	Law	
 Causes of deforestation in the 		0	International	
Amazon rainforest (subsistence and		0	management	
commercial farming, logging, road			management	
building, mineral extraction, energy				
development, settlement, population				
growth)				
growin				
Local and Global impacts of				
deforestation in the Amazon				
(including economic development, soil				
erosion, contribution to climate				
change.)				
change.)				
• The value of the Amazon to people				
and environment e.g. carbon sink,				
biodiversity, sustainable economic				
activity, discovery of medicines.				
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 Sustainable management of the 				
Amazon on a Global, National and				
Local scale (selective logging and				
replanting, conservation and				
education, ecotourism and				
international agreements about the				
use of tropical hardwoods, debt				
reduction.)				
Key terms:				
-Ecosystem				
-Biodiversity				
-Adaptation				
-Abiotic				
-Biotic				
-Interdependence				
-Food web				

-Deforestation -Forest degradation -Soil erosion -Sustainable management -NGO's						
	Autumn	n Term 2				
River landscapes• The long profile and changing cross profile of a river and its valley.• Erosion – hydraulic action, abrasion, attrition, solution, vertical and lateral erosion• Transportation – traction, saltation, suspension and solution• Deposition – why rivers deposit sediment.• Erosion Landforms – interlocking spurs, waterfalls and gorges.• Landforms of erosion and deposition – meanders and ox-bow lakes.• Deposition landforms – levées, flood plains and estuaries.• Example of River Severn throughout the teaching of rivers as an example.• Physical and Human causes of flooding.• Interpretation of flood hydrographs.	 Drawing, labelling and annotating diagrams effectively. Clearly outlining geographical sequences. Incorporating explanation of processes within answers. Applying knowledge to unseen situations e.g. photographs of landforms. Interpreting graphs (quite advanced with Hjulstrom and hydrograph). 	 River landforms poster Book look End of topic assessment 	 Learning key terms Research tasks Educake tasks GCSE exam questions Reading articles and the news 	Appreciation and awareness: Of the huge impacts, flooding has on people's lives in other parts of the world in comparison to UK weather Empathy and compassion: To understand the ethical issues of flood management and stakeholders Discerning and joyful: Of the beautiful landscapes created by fluvial processes Care for creation Dignity of God's people Solidarity Personal Social Moral Cultural	KS3 links Builds on the year 7 topic of the water cycle KS4 links Foundation for coastal landscapes topic KS5 links Links to water and the carbon cycle topic	

	 Hard and Soft engineering including: dams and reservoirs, straightening, embankments, flood relief channels, flood warnings and preparation, flood plain zoning, planting trees and river restoration. The Jubilee river flood relief Channel in Windsor. How it works, advantages and disadvantages of the scheme. Key terms: -Fluvial -Erosion -Deposition -Transport -Landform -Hydrograph -Soft engineering -Hard engineering 				 Art Science - biology English Maths Meteorologist Town planner Government Policy advisor NGO and Charity work 	
		Spring	Term 1			
Economic Development & Quality of Life Reducing the Development Gap	 Different ways of classifying parts of the world according to their level of economic development and quality of life. Different economic and social measures of development: gross national income (GNI) per head, birth and death rates, infant mortality, life expectancy, people per doctor, literacy rates, access to safe water, Human Development Index (HDI). 	 Interpreting and comparing data sets Reading/interpr eting a variety of maps and graphs To analyse photographs to provide information on quality of life 	 Homework assessment End of topic assessment 	 Learning key terms Research tasks Educake tasks GCSE exam questions 	United in harmony: To reduce the development gap between countries Dignity of the human person When considering those who live in LIC	KS3 links Builds on the knowledge from the development topic KS4 links Creates a foundation for Nigeria and UK

 Limitations of economic and social measures. Link between stages of the Demographic Transition Model and the level of development. Causes of uneven development: physical, economic and historical. Consequences of uneven development: disparities in wealth and health, international migration. Reducing the development gap strategies: TNC investment, industry changes, aid, fair trade, debt relief, intermediate technology, micro finance loans and tourism Case study of tourism in Tunisia Key terms: GNI HDI Life expectancy Adult literacy rate DTM Birth rate Death rate Natural increase/decrease 	 To complete evaluative extended writing Research skills for homework tasks Using GIS to describe and analyse places 	Term 2		Compassion and empathy: Awareness of colonisations impact on LIC Dignity of God's people Peace and reconciliation Solidarity Personal Social Moral Cultural History Maths English NGO Research Policy Government	economic development Links to the urban challenges in Lagos and informal settlement topic KS5 links Links to population change and futures
Nigeria – Economic Development• Nigeria – Where it is and why it has an important role in Africa and the World (population and economy size)	 Interpretation of a line graph which shows 	• Homework assessment	• Learning key terms	Listening and attentive: to the wonders of the world and learning about places links with other	KS3 links Builds on the population and development

	percentage	 End of topic 	 Educake 	cultures and the cultures	
 Nigeria's physical environment as 	growth of GDP	assessment	tasks	of some students in our	KS4 links
well as political background such as				school	
different ethnic groups and issues with	 Interpretation of 		 GCSE exam 		Creates a
Boko Haram extremism.	bar graph		questions	Compassionate: when	foundation for the
	showing the			learning about those	Nigeria and UK
	predicted top		 Reading 	who live in informal	economy topic
 Nigeria's economy and how it is 	economies in		articles and	settlements	,
changing – agriculture to industry and	the year 2050		the news		KS5 links
growth of telecommunications, film					
industry etc. How oil and	• Use of maps to			Joyful: when learning	Created a
manufacturing have helped Nigeria to	• Use of maps to understand the			about the sustainable	foundation for the
develop and improve their wealth.					
develop and improve their wealth.	distribution of			nature of urban planning	population and
	ethnic groups as			and considering how we	environment topic
	well as the			can adapt in the future	
The role of TNCs like Shell in	biomes in				
Nigeria's oil industry. What	Nigeria.			• Community and	
advantages and disadvantages do they				participation	
bring e.g. investment and jobs v take	 To be able to 			• Care for creation	
profit away and damage the	describe a cross			• Solidarity	
environment.	section diagram			• Personal	
	of how			• Social	
	vegetation			• Moral	
 How Nigeria's trade with the rest of 	changes from			o Cultural	
the world is changing E.g. from mainly	Southern to			• English	
with UK to large economies and	Northern			• Maths	
increasingly with China.	Nigeria.			• History	
	6			• Politics	
				 Biologist 	
 The type of aid that Nigeria has 				• Environmentalist	
received and how this has benefitted				• Researcher	
Nigeria.				• NGO	
				• Economist	
• How development has affected the					
population in Nigeria e.g. improved					
life expectancy and schooling yet					
many still risk their lives to leave.					
many sum fisk their lives to leave.					

	Key words: -Colonialism -Trade -TNC -Multiplier effect -International aid -Life expectancy -HDI	Summer	Torm 1			
Coasts: landscapes and hazards	 Knowledge of wave types and wave characteristics. Coastal processes: weathering processes – mechanical, chemical, mass movement – sliding, slumping and rock falls, erosion – hydraulic power, abrasion and attrition, transportation – longshore drift, deposition – why sediment is deposited in coastal areas. How geological structure and rock type influence coastal forms. Characteristics and formation of landforms resulting from erosion – headlands and bays, cliffs and wave cut platforms, caves, arches and stacks. Characteristics and formation of landforms resulting from deposition – beaches, sand dunes, spits and bars. 	 Using research and map skills to consider which countries will have a large fetch Creating geographical diagrams to show the formation of coastal landforms To use teamwork and decision- making skills to decide how coastlines should be managed Clearly outlining geographical sequences. 	 Homework assessment End of topic assessment 	 Learning key terms Educake tasks GCSE exam questions Reading articles and the news 	Appreciation and awareness: Of the beautiful landscapes and landforms found along coastlines in the UK Compassion and Grateful: For others around the world at risk of coastal flooding. How that in the UK we are fortunate in that we can use management to protect against the increased risks of coastal flooding Stewardship: clear reasons as to why reducing our carbon footprint is so important for coastal communities.	KS3 links Builds on from coasts topic KS4 links Links to the processes from Rivers KS5 links Basis for coastal systems A-level

 Major landforms of erosion and 		 Community and
deposition on the Dorset coast.	 Incorporating 	participation
	explanation of	• Care for creation
 The costs and benefits of the 	processes within	 Solidarity
following management strategies:	answers.	○ Social
hard engineering – sea walls, rock		o Moral
armour, gabions and groynes, soft	Applying	o Cultural
engineering – beach nourishment and	knowledge to	 Science – physics
reprofiling, dune regeneration,	unseen	• History
managed retreat – coastal	situations e.g.	• English
realignment.	photographs of	o Maths
	landforms.	 Environmentalist
 Case study of coastal realignment at 		• Human rights
Medmerry. Reasons for strategy, how		 Coastal
it works, advantages and		management
disadvantages.		 Environmental law
		• Researcher
Key terms:		
-Coastline		
-Fetch		
-Swash		
-Backwash		
-Long-shore drift		
-Erosion		
-Hydraulic action		
-Abrasion		
-Mass movement		
-Hard engineering		
-Soft engineering		

		Summer	Term 2			
Fieldwork & Geographical Enquiry	 Main sequence of geographical enquiry. A range of data collection methods for physical geography including: sampling, land cover using quadrats, calculation of tree height, measurement of tree girth, measurement of soil depth, sampling of soil type, field sketches. A range of data collection methods for human geography including: EQI, pedestrian counts, land use survey, photographs. Data presentation techniques including graphical and cartographical skills as well as annotation of photographs and sketches. Analysing findings, drawing conclusions and evaluating a study. Completion of physical and human fieldwork (1 day each). 	 Using data collection within written answers . Interpreting and explaining various sources of information e.g. graphs and charts. Evaluating different strategies and justifying answers. Using examples to support answers. All skills related to the content and geographical enquiry. Organisation of large piece of work and development of independence. 	 Homework assessment End of topic assessment 	 Learning key terms Research tasks New article task 	United in Harmony- In working as a group to investigate physical and human geographical processes Listening and attentive- When learning a range of new fieldwork skills and data collection methods Community and participation Care for creation Solidarity Social Moral Cultural Personal Biology English Maths Environmentalist Journalist Data analyst Researcher	KS3 links Links to the maps and fieldwork lessons KS4 links Helps to develop understanding of the ecosystem and urban challenges topics KS5 links Links to the NEA