



YEAR 11 LEARNING JOURNEY INFORMATION

Geography

Changing Economic World



Autumn Term 1

KNOWLEDGE: We will learn why some countries are richer than others and how development can change lives. In **Nigeria**, you'll study how rapid economic growth is affecting people and the environment, and the role of trade and aid. For the **UK**, you'll look at how the economy has changed over time, moving from industry to services, and the challenges of regional differences.

SKILL: We will develop skills such as interpreting **development indicators** like GNI and HDI. Using **graphs and maps** to show global patterns of development. Explaining causes and consequences of uneven development. Evaluating strategies to reduce the development gap.

Resources



Autumn Term 2

KNOWLEDGE: We will explore why resources like food, water, and energy are important and how they are managed. The focus is on **energy in the UK**—how our energy mix is changing, the move towards renewables, and the challenges of sustainability.

SKILL: We will develop skills such as analysing **energy mix data** and trends. Explaining environmental and economic impacts of energy use. Evaluating strategies for sustainable energy.

Pre Release



Spring Term 1

KNOWLEDGE: We will be applying your geography knowledge to real-world situations. It includes **Issue Evaluation**, **Fieldwork**, and **Geographical Skills**. The big part of this paper is the **pre-release booklet**, which you'll get about **12 weeks before the exam**. This booklet has maps, graphs, photos, quotes, and data about a real-life geographical issue. Your job is to read it carefully, highlight key points, and think about different viewpoints. In the exam, you'll answer questions based on this booklet, including a longer question where you decide and explain why.

SKILL: You'll need to interpret maps and graphs, analyse data, and write a clear argument that explains the pros and cons of different options. Practising these skills before the exam will make a big difference.

Revision



Spring Term 2

KNOWLEDGE: We will learn why revising for geography isn't just about reading notes—it's about being active. Start by learning your **case studies**: Rio, Manchester, Nigeria, UK energy, Chile, Nepal, the Amazon rainforest, the Thar Desert, rivers, and coasts. Make short summaries or flashcards for each one. Use **mind maps** to link ideas together and practice past paper questions so you know what the exam looks like.

SKILL: We will develop skills such as practice using maps, graphs, and data. Learn how to describe patterns and explain reasons. Also, make sure you know your key terms and use them in your answers. Good spelling, punctuation, and grammar (SPaG) are important because you get extra marks for writing clearly and using geographical vocabulary.

Exams



Summer Term 1

KNOWLEDGE: There are **three papers** in GCSE Geography:

- Paper 1** is about the physical world—natural hazards, ecosystems, and UK landscapes.
- Paper 2** is about people—cities, development, and resources.
- Paper 3** is about applying your knowledge—using the pre-release booklet, fieldwork, and skills. Each paper has a mix of question types: multiple choice, short answers, data interpretation, and longer written answers. The best way to prepare is to know your case studies, practice your skills, and get used to writing clear, well-structured answers.