

Bellerive FCJ Catholic College



Department: Geography

Year Group: 8

Term	Learning Focus	Key Knowledge and Skills	Assessment	Challenge and Enrichment
Autumn	China and India - Which is greater?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical and human comparisons (location, climate, population, economies). Case studies of Mumbai and Beijing. Conflict in Himalayas, Sherpa people & tourism, Gangotri glacier. 	Progress tasks: grid references; short response questions with figures. End of topic test: Geography is Everywhere?	Atlas work; compare UK with other world regions; stretch mapwork tasks; literacy focus on geographical description.
Spring	Can we ever know enough about tectonics?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structure of the Earth and plate tectonics. Earthquakes (Turkey/Syria, Indian Ocean tsunami). Volcanoes (White Island, Hawaii). Hotspots. Reducing hazard impacts. 	Progress tasks: figure-based short/extended answers; Cairo urbanisation questions. End of topic test: What is it like where people live?	Extended research on megacities; compare quality of life indicators; links to GCSE 'Urban issues'.
Summer	What are the differences in African countries?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locating African nations. Resources, climate, and biomes. Case studies of Niger, Botswana, and South Africa. Comparing socio-economic and environmental differences. 	Progress tasks: map & resources; climate graphs; urban challenges extended answer; case study short answers. End of topic assessment: What are the differences in African countries? + End of Year 8 exam.	Use of statistics to compare countries; correcting misconceptions about Africa; extended evaluative writing; links to development & ecosystems at GCSE.