

Hartford Church of England High School – Year 8 – Geography

Year 8	HT1	HT2	HT3	HT4	HT5	HT6
Topic(s)	Restless Earth	Living of the Earth's resources	Rivers	Superpowers	The Middle East	Urbanisation
Focus	The types of plate movements and how that relates to the structure of the earth, The impact of an earthquake, The impact of a Tsunami	What we mean by a natural resource, the risks associated with the overuse of water, how we are damaging soil and what we can do about it	How a river changes from source to mouth, some of the key features/processes found at the three stages of a river, write up some basic fieldwork	What it means to be a superpower, the rise and fall of the British Empire, the characteristics of the USA that meant it became a superpower, the characteristics of China and India that are making them into superpowers	The location and characteristics of the Middle east, what is the Population distribution of the Middle East, what are the characteristics of the people of the Middle East	The factors that lead to cities growth, examples of how cities change over time, what cities of the future may look like
Vocabulary	Convection Currents, Mitigation, Recovery, Depth, Mitigate, Distribution, Extensive, Tremendous, Concentrated, Significant, Consequences	Appropriate Technology, LIC, HIC, Land Degradation, Consume, Scarcity, Surplus, Endemic, Sustainable, Zealous, Restricted, Despair, Hamper, Dictate	Evaporation, Condensation, Precipitation, Through Flow, Groundwater Flow, Surface Run Off, Source, Mouth, Vertical Erosion, Lateral Erosion, Deposition, Dynamic, Infiltrate, Infrastructure	Superpower, Empire, BRIC, MINT, Agrarian, Industrial, Expansion, Investment, Geopolitics, Resources, Consumption	Choropleth Map, Population Density, Biome, Desert, Ethnicity, Peninsula, Flora, Fauna, Ethnicity, Barren, Diverse, Conflict	HIC, LIC, Push and Pull Factors, Migration, Rural, Urban, Sustainable, Regeneration, Megacity, Opportunity, Challenge, Poverty, Vulnerable, Derelict
Assessment	Mid-stakes 1: Extended Writing Explain why earthquakes and volcanoes occur at destructive plate margins Mid-stakes 2: End of topic knowledge test (multiple choice)	Mid-stakes 1: Extended Writing Explain the methods used to solve water scarcity Mid-stakes 2: End of topic knowledge test (multiple choice)	Mid-stakes 1: Extended Writing Explain how a waterfall forms. Mid-stakes 2: End of topic knowledge test (multiple choice)	Mid-stakes 1: Extended Writing Evaluate the impacts of China's industrial expansion on its population Mid-stakes 2: End of topic knowledge test (multiple choice)	Mid-stakes 1: Extended Writing The Middle East is just desert. How far do you agree with this statement? Mid-stakes 2: End of topic knowledge test (multiple choice)	Mid-stakes 1: Extended Writing Describe and explain how Manchester changed over time. Mid-stakes 2: End of topic knowledge test (multiple choice)

Curriculum Thread	Physical Geography	Physical Geography Human Geography Sustainability	Physical Geography Human Geography Fieldwork	Human Geography Physical Geography Sustainability	Physical Geography Human Geography	Human Geography Sustainability
Wider Reading	'The big ones and what we can do about them' by Lucy Jones 'The nature of fragile things' by Susan Meissner	'When the rivers run dry' by Fred Pierce 'This is the way the world ends' by James Nesbit	'When the rivers run dry' by Fred Pierce 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson	'Prisoners of Geography' by Tim Marshall 'The power of geography' by Tim Marshall	'I am Malala' by Malala Yousafzai 'The kite runner' by Khaled Houssine	'Smell Detectives' by Melanie A. Kiechle 'The Cities Book: A journey through the best cities in the world' (Lonely Planet)