



Personal Development: Long Term Plan - KS3 Geography 2025-26

Spiritual Development

Encourages curiosity and wonder about the natural world — landscapes, weather, ecosystems, and environmental change.

Promotes reflection on our relationship with the Earth and the impact of human actions.

Develops a sense of purpose, identity and global responsibility.

Links to British Values:

- ✓ *Individual Liberty* – Encouraging students to form personal views on environmental and global issues.
- ✓ *Mutual Respect* – Valuing different worldviews and belief systems.

Moral Development

Explores ethical issues such as climate change, inequality, migration, and resource use.

Encourages students to consider fairness, justice, and responsibility on local and global scales.

Promotes reasoned decision-making and respect for different opinions.

Links to British Values:

- ✓ *Rule of Law* – Understanding laws relating to planning, conservation, and climate action.
- ✓ *Democracy* – Debating public decisions (e.g. urban planning, flood defence, tourism impact).

Social Development

Builds knowledge of human geography: how communities live, interact and change.

Encourages collaboration, teamwork, and respectful dialogue through group work, debate, and fieldwork.

Promotes an understanding of diverse societies and their challenges.

Links to British Values:

- ✓ *Democracy* – Encouraging active discussion and valuing diverse voices.
- ✓ *Mutual Respect* – Developing empathy and shared understanding across cultures.

Cultural Development

Deepens understanding of cultural diversity across the UK and the wider world.

Challenges stereotypes and promotes global awareness through case studies, comparisons, and real-world examples.

Celebrates cultural heritage and human creativity in shaping environments.

Links to British Values:

- ✓ *Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs* – Learning about global cultures, religions, and traditions.
- ✓ *Mutual Respect* – Encouraging inclusive attitudes and challenging prejudice.

Year 7 - What are the key physical and human processes on our planet?

Topic	SMSC	Careers	British Values	Enrichment and Leadership Opportunities
HT1 - Geography and Me My location UK geography (physical and human) OS maps Personal geography Fieldwork OS maps Place: UK	<i>Introduction to Geography:</i> Explores how people interact with environments and each other. <i>Urbanisation and Migration</i> explore how societies evolve and adapt; how communities are shaped by movement and change.	Cartographer Lesson 3	Mutual respect - Collaborative tasks and debates support teamwork and respectful dialogue. Individual liberty - Students form and justify their own views on controversial topics like migration.	Geography Bingo Humanities club Personal Geography interview International Day of World environmental health and energy efficiency day
HT2 - Our planet Earth's physical geography (continents, oceans, Earth's layers, atmosphere, water cycle) Earth's human geography (population, settlement, wealth distribution)	<i>Weather and Climate:</i> Promotes awe and wonder at natural processes (e.g. extreme weather).	Hydrologist Lesson 5	Mutual respect/tolerance - Pupils learn about different countries, populations, economies. By comparing human geography across nations, students see how life differs globally but also share common challenges.	Geography Bingo Humanities club World fisheries day and wildlife conservation day
HT3 - Resources and trade Raw materials Manufacturing	Raises deeper questions about sufficiency, fairness, human purpose, stewardship of Earth, human-nature relationships.	Transport and logistics	Individual liberty - Encouraging students to form their own opinions on trade ethics Rule of law - Explore how international law/regulations govern trade: e.g. WTO	Geography Bingo Humanities club Geography house

Trade Supply chains UK industrial change OS maps Place: UK	Encourages students to reflect on their own consumption, values, and place in global systems.		rules, trade agreements, environmental law, import/export restrictions, intellectual property. - Understand tariffs, trade barriers, regulatory standards.	Competition International Day of clean energy and international polar bear day
HT4 - Brilliant Biomes Ecosystems and biomes Latitude and biomeformation Deciduous forest biome Fieldwork Place: UK	Encouraging awe and wonder at natural landscapes, extreme events, Promotes curiosity about the planet and our place within it.	Ecologist	Mutual respect - Studying biomes involves understanding how people in different parts of the world live, especially indigenous peoples or those who depend directly on biomes.	Geography Bingo Humanities club International Day of recycling and international aquatic animal day
HT5 - Fantastic places Landscape layers Geology and the rock cycle 3 unique UK landforms OS maps & GIS Place: UK	Landscape connects people: communities living in upland areas; rural vs urban issues; access to natural places; recreation; social inequalities in who can access “fantastic landscapes.” Also group work and fieldwork foster social skills.	Landscape jobs	Democracy - Explore public consultation processes for managing landscapes (e.g. national parks). Debates where students vote on issues like wind farm development or visitor limits.	Geography Bingo Humanities club World turtle day
HT6 - Coastal Landscapes Erosion & deposition Coastal geology Beaches, cliffs, headlands, bays OS maps & GIS Place: UK	<i>Coasts and Climate Change</i> encourage awe at the power of natural systems and beauty of landscapes.	Coastal engineer	Rule of law - Coasts explore how environmental policies, international agreements, and local laws help protect people and places.	Geography Bingo Humanities club World day to combat desertification and drought.

Year 8 - 'Does humanity live sustainably with the environment?'

Topic	SMSC	Careers	British Values	Enrichment and Leadership Opportunities
HT1 - River rivals River features and landforms Floodplain formation The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam GIS Place: NE Africa	Explores ethical dilemmas: Should water be prioritised for agriculture or for local communities? For industry or for ecosystems? Shows how cooperation and conflict resolution are needed in managing shared resources.	Hydrogeologist Lesson 6	Rule of law - Discussions about laws and systems that manage environmental issues (e.g. flood planning regulations, climate action). Understanding the importance of rules and systems in protecting people and places.	Geography Bingo Humanities club International Day of World environmental health and energy efficiency day
HT2 - Food and famine Importance of food Factors affecting food security Strategies to reduce food insecurity Place: UK, Syria, South Korea	Raises big questions about human existence, suffering, fairness, and our place in the world. The unit is full of moral issues: fairness in distribution of food; the right to food; the moral implications of poverty, climate change; human decisions (conflict, policy) that harm or help.	Agriculturist Lesson 5	Mutual respect - Helps students understand and empathise with people facing food insecurity in different countries. Builds appreciation of how people live with limited food due to forces beyond their control.	Geography Bingo Humanities club World fisheries day and wildlife conservation day

HT3 - Endless energy Rising global energy demand Fossil fuels Renewables DME: solar panel site OS maps Place: UK, China, Uruguay	Encourages thinking about fairness in energy access globally (who gets energy and who doesn't). Explores how societies organize around energy use and how that shapes lifestyles.	Energy sector Jobs in energy Sustainability	Individual liberty - Students form and justify their own views on controversial topics like climate action.	Geography Bingo Humanities club Geography house Competition International Day of clean energy and international polar bear day.
HT4 - Climate change Natural climate change Enhanced greenhouse effect Unequal impacts Strategies Fieldwork Place: UK, India, Pacific Islands	Promotes awe and wonder at natural processes (e.g. extreme weather).	Climate change analyst	Democracy - Examines global governance responses (UN climate talks, Paris Agreement).	Geography Bingo Humanities club International Day of recycling and international aquatic animal day
HT5 - Polar Environments Arctic and Antarctica Cause of extreme cold Global climate mechanisms Tundra characteristics Indigenous Nenets Place: Arctic Russia	Encouraging awe and wonder at natural landscapes, extreme events, Promotes curiosity about the planet and our place within it.	Cold environment jobs	Individual liberty - Encourages reflection on personal choices impacting polar environments (e.g. carbon footprint contributing to melting ice). Rule of law - Emphasises international laws protecting polar environments and regulating resource use (e.g. fishing quotas, mineral extraction bans).	Geography Bingo Humanities club World turtle day

HT6 - The Middle East Middle East past and present Wealth and inequality Water security Sustainable futures Place: Middle East region, including UAE and Yemen	Deepen knowledge of other cultures, challenging stereotypes. Discussions on inequality, displacement, and sustainability promote moral reasoning.	Water security	Individual liberty - Discusses freedoms and human rights issues, including freedom of speech, religion, and movement. Mutual respect - Explores the rich cultural and religious diversity of the Middle East (Islam, Christianity, Judaism, and others). Encourages respect for different cultures, beliefs, and traditions in the region and beyond.	Geography Bingo Humanities club World day to combat desertification and drought
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Year 9 - 'How globally connected is the world?'

Topic	SMSC	Careers	British Values	Enrichment and Leadership Opportunities
HT1 - Global oceans Layers of the ocean Ocean governance Oceans and climate regulation Ocean biodiversity and ecosystems Place: The Coral Triangle, w. Pacific	Explores ethical issues around ocean pollution, overfishing, and marine conservation. Examines how communities depend on oceans for livelihoods, food, and transport. Recognises cultural traditions connected to the sea (fishing practices, maritime festivals, spiritual beliefs).	Oceanographer	Democracy - Democratic and respectful discussion around human impact and choices affecting the natural world. Individual liberty - Students form and justify their own views on controversial topics like overfishing. Rule of law - Students learn how governments and international bodies (e.g. UN, IPCC, global NGOs) make decisions about ocean protection, disaster relief, and climate action.	Geography Bingo Humanities club International Day of World environmental health and energy efficiency day
HT2 - Ocean tectonics Tectonic plate boundaries Seafloor spreading Volcanic processes The Japanese tsunami: causes and impacts GIS Place: Japan	Encouraging awe and wonder at natural landscapes, extreme events, Promotes curiosity about the planet and our place within it.	Disaster manager	Democracy - Discusses global cooperation in monitoring and responding to tectonic hazards (e.g. tsunami warning systems). Individual liberty - Supports students' rights to be informed and involved in community disaster planning.	Geography Bingo Humanities club World fisheries day and wildlife conservation day

HT3 - The Global Economy What is 'the economy'? Industrialisation and deindustrialisation HICs, MICs, LICs Globalisation TNCs Place: UK, China, India	Studying how different cultures interact with their environments and how cultural diversity affects land use, cities, and regions. Encourages students to understand and respect cultural differences in relation to geography and development.	Geographical economy jobs	Rule of law - Learning about environmental regulations (e.g. pollution controls, protected areas) and how laws aim to balance development with conservation. Students consider how countries enforce laws differently and how this affects outcomes.	Geography Bingo Humanities club Y9 trip to the Deep Geography house Competition International Day of clean energy and international polar bear day
HT4 - Development Disparity Idea of 'development' Development indicators Factors affecting development Development strategies Place: India	Learning about different societies, populations, and the impact of global inequality (e.g. development studies, migration). Encourages discussion, collaboration, empathy and appreciation of global interdependence.	Development worker	Individual liberty - Encourages reflection on personal freedoms related to education, health, and economic opportunity. Mutual respect - Promotes respect for different cultures and development paths. Encourages empathy for people living in different economic conditions.	Geography Bingo Humanities club International Day of recycling and international aquatic animal day
HT5 - Glacial Landforms & Processes Glacier distribution Glacier formation and retreat Corries, arêtes, pyramidal peaks, U-shaped valleys	Encouraging awe and wonder at natural landscapes. Promotes curiosity about the planet and our place within it.	Polar explorer	Mutual respect - Raises awareness of how glacier retreat affects communities worldwide (e.g., water supply, livelihoods). Promotes respect for indigenous peoples living near glaciers and their traditional knowledge.	Geography Bingo Humanities club World turtle day

OS maps & GIS Place: UK				
HT6 - UK Regions Fieldwork Investigation Revision: geology, and coastal, river, and glacial landscapes Lake District fieldwork (virtual) Your UK region fieldwork Fieldwork report Place: UK	Encourages honesty and integrity in data collection and reporting. Encourages appreciation of local heritage and cultural practices linked to geography.	Fieldwork	Tolerance - Promotes respectful attitudes towards cultural practices related to the environment. Individual liberty - Encourages independent thinking in interpreting findings and drawing conclusions.	Geography Bingo Humanities club World day to combat desertification and drought