



**SUBJECT: Curriculum Overview**

Year 9

<b>Term</b>	<b>Topic studied</b>	<b>What will I learn?</b>	<b>How will I be assessed?</b>
Year 9 Autumn	Sustainable World	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Population: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Population patterns &amp; growth</li> <li>Population distribution</li> <li>The DTM</li> <li>Population pyramids</li> </ul> </li> <li>Urbanisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban issues</li> <li>Urban sustainability</li> </ul> </li> <li>Fieldwork: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hertford urban sustainability investigation</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>Population test</p> <p>Urbanisation test</p> <p>Hertford project</p>
Year 9 Spring	Unit 1 A – The Challenge of Natural Hazards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tectonic hazards including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plate tectonics and plate boundaries</li> <li>Earthquakes as Hazards</li> <li>Volcanoes as hazards</li> </ul> </li> <li>Weather hazards including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global atmospheric circulation</li> <li>Tropical storms</li> <li>Extreme weather hazards in the UK</li> </ul> </li> <li>Climate Change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the evidence for climate change?</li> <li>Natural causes of climate change</li> <li>Human causes of climate change</li> <li>The effects of climate change</li> <li>Mitigation and adaptation to climate change</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>Plate boundary test</p> <p>9 marker Earthquake question</p> <p>9 marker on Tropical storms</p> <p>Climate change data response questions</p> <p>Unit 1 A topic test</p>
Year 9 Summer	Unit 1 B - The Living world	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ecosystems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do ecosystems operate</li> <li>Change affecting ecosystems</li> <li>Distribution and characteristics of global ecosystems</li> </ul> </li> <li>Tropical Rainforests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Characteristics</li> <li>Animal and plant adaptations</li> <li>Deforestation</li> <li>Amazon rainforest case study</li> </ul> </li> <li>Hot Deserts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Characteristics</li> <li>Animal and plant adaptations</li> <li>Desertification</li> <li>Great Western Desert case study</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>Epping research task</p> <p>Ecosystems test</p> <p>Deforestation essay</p> <p>Deserts 9 marker</p> <p>Unit 1 B topic test</p>

