



## AQA GCSE 1 – 9

### Topic 1 – Urban Challenges

This unit introduces the idea that populations change, globally and locally. Students examine the global pattern of urban change, urban growth in Nigeria, challenges in urban areas of the UK and what sustainable communities look like.

#### Case Studies

**London** with a focus on the regeneration of Stratford, East London as a result of the Olympics 2012 which is the theme for the human fieldwork element, the fieldtrip for which takes place in October 2018.

**Lagos** – The importance of Lagos to Nigeria and Africa, its growth, the economic opportunities and challenges and an examination of how urban planning could improve life in Lagos.



#### Key Enquiry Questions

What factors affect population growth? How do push and pull factors influence where people live? What challenges does Lagos face in the twenty-first century? What is London's national and international importance? Why is inequality still a challenge in London? Has the regeneration of Stratford resulted in less deprivation in the area?

This unit underpins the fieldwork carried out in Stratford during the autumn term. Pupils will be assessed on their knowledge and understanding of the fieldwork in Paper 3 of the examination series. Although no coursework is submitted, students will complete a full write-up of their investigation into regeneration in Stratford, East London

### Topic 2 – Physical landscapes in the UK

Rivers (covered in Year 9 Summer Term 2) and coastal landscapes are the two physical landscapes covered in this topic. The key line of enquiry for Coastal Landscapes is 'How do marine processes shape the land'? The resultant landforms are studied and coastal management using both hard and soft engineering techniques are considered. This unit helps to develop



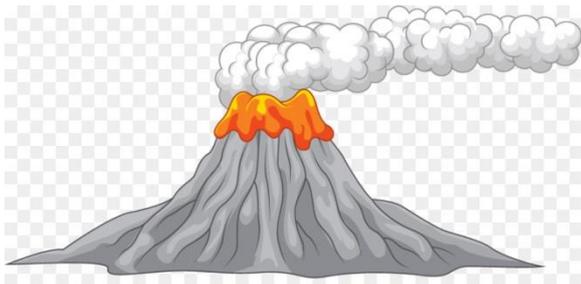
decision-making skills as students compare both methods of engineering and justify their use at certain key locations.

Case Studies: The ***Dorset Coast*** and the ***Holderness Coast***, East Yorkshire.

### Key Enquiry Questions

How do different marine processes shape the land? How does rock structure affect landforms? Why do beach profiles change? Do coastal management strategies work?

### Topic 3 – The challenge of natural hazards



In a world with a rapidly growing population, and with technological developments leading to faster travel and quicker communication, it is difficult to ignore that humans are becoming increasingly vulnerable to natural hazards. Earthquakes, volcanoes and tropical storms are studied in this unit, the physical causes, their impacts and their management. Students will learn about the distribution of natural hazards and how vulnerable populations can best manage them to minimise the risks they pose.

Case Studies: ***L'Aquila Italy, Gorkha Nepal, Mt Pinatubo The Philippines, Typhoon Haiyan***

### Key Enquiry Questions

How are humans impacting on the frequency and magnitude of natural hazards? How are different types of natural hazard classified. Why do people live in areas prone to natural hazards? Can the risks of natural hazards be minimised? How might climate change affect tropical storms? What kind of extreme weather events affect the UK?

