

Geography Department

Year 11

Topic: Urban Issues and Challenges

Learning Journey

Prior learning: This is the first topic for paper 1 of the GCSE geography course. However, students have covered some of the key concepts which will be studied as part of their KS3 curriculum. This includes an introduction to settlements and the challenges of urbanisation in year 7 and also a focus on development across Africa and Asia in year 9.

This unit will build on this foundation and develop upon these themes in line with the requirements of the AQA GCSE geography course.

Learning sequence – topic title							Endpoint
Main learning steps	Students are introduced to the idea of urbanisation, why it has happened and how this is leading to the growth of mega and meta cities.	Students examine how urban environments have change in the UK over time.	Students examine the opportunities and challenges of urbanisation in Birmingham and consider how challenges can be tackled through the process of regeneration.	Students examine the opportunities and challenges of urbanisation in NEEs with a particular focus on Lagos, Nigeria.	Students are introduced to the idea of urban sustainability and approaches by which this can be achieved.	Students examine examples of urban sustainability in East Village, Stratford. They also look at approaches to traffic management in different parts of the World.	Students will be able to demonstrate clear understanding of the key challenges which face urban environments in different parts of the World. They will also be able to demonstrate

							where they are in terms of exam technique by answering GCSE style questions.
Assessment				Students complete 4 mark skills based question examining challenges facing people in Lagos. This will be self assessed with the aid of modelled exemplar material produced by teachers which they can then use to improve their answers.			End of unit test – 30 minutes completed under formal exam conditions on section A of paper 2. This will be diagnostically marked by teachers as well as gone through question by question in follow up lesson for students to add further detail to answers,

Where will we use these ideas again:

Students will revisit Lagos as part of a wider country study for Nigeria when looking at the next unit "Changing Economic World."