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Unit 1: Global Challenges

This unit provides students with the opportunity to investigate key global issues facing people in a range of countries at different levels of development.

The unit is divided into two topics:

- **World at Risk** is focused on physical geography (Natural Hazards, Climate Change) and people environment interactions
- **Going Global** is human geography in focus (Globalisation and Migration)

Unit 2: Geographical Investigations

This unit has two compulsory topics

- **Crowded Coasts** involves a detailed study of the physical processes and systems in coastal environments.
- **Urban Problems**, Planning and Regeneration considers the challenges of living and working in cities, where the majority of the world's population now live.

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Unit 3: Contested Planet

This unit has two compulsory topics:

- A1: Atmosphere and Weather Systems
- A2: Biodiversity Under Threat

These topics focus on physical processes and how processes generate patterns and problems in the natural environment.

- **B1:** Energy Security: This topic considers in detail key human resources, in terms of its distribution and use, and real and potential problems resulting from its development and utilisation
- **C2: Bridging the Development Gap:** This is a topic on economic and political options considering global power, inequality and development

Unit 4: is an opportunity for students to study one option of their choice in depth from these options:

- Tectonic Activity and Hazards
- -F eeding the World's People
- Cultural Diversity: People and Landscapes
- Human Health and Disease

Students could study the same or different options. The chosen option is studied in depth; independent work and individual reading and research is undertaken by students to build a portfolio of material that can be selected from and applied in the examination.



