

Year 7 THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Geography

Students will be assessed against either	Knowledge and Understanding		Understanding and Application
	AO1	AO2	A03 & A04
	Knowledge - contextual world knowledge of locations, places and geographical features	Understanding - understanding of the conditions, processes and interactions that explain features and distributions, patterns and changes over time and space	Application & Skills - Competence in geographical enquiry the application of skills in observing, collecting, analysing, mapping and communicating geographical information.
EXCELLENT	Have wide knowledge relating to a range of places, environments and features at a variety of spatial scales, extending from local to global. (Focus on national to global level)	Explains how physical and human processes work together. Compares the different ways people damage, protect or improve the environment. Gives reasons for patterns at local, national and international scales. Explains the connections between places, people and environments. For example, flooding along the River Severn.	Be able, with some independence, to choose and use a range of data. Begins to explain and communicate geographical evidence, ideas and questions. Investigates, interprets, begins to make judgements and draw simple conclusions about geographical questions, issues and problems, and explains different points of view about these.
PROFICIENT	Have knowledge relating to a range of places, environments and features at a variety of scales (Mostly local to national).	Describe how physical/human features of places are formed. Knows that people have different opinions about environments. Gives some reasons for geographical patterns that may be seen on a map. Some understanding of the links between places, people and environments.	Be able, with guidance, to choose and use a variety of data sources. Describe and begins to communicate geographical evidence, ideas and questions. Investigates, begins to interpret, and makes judgements. Uses simple statements in beginning to offer a conclusion about geographical questions, issues and problems, and accepts different points of view about these.
DEVELOPING	Have knowledge relating to places, environments and features at different scales.	Is able to describe a map. Describes how features of places are formed. Gives own opinion about the environment. Begins to use geographical words in context	Be able, with guidance, and scaffolding to choose and use data sources. Can describe and state geographical evidence, ideas and questions. Investigates and can make judgements. Responds to geographical questions, issues and problems, and recognises different points of view about these.
ACQUIRING	Have a more detailed and extensive framework of knowledge of the world, including globally significant physical and human features and places in the news.	Identifies features on a map. Gives simple ideas about how features of places are formed. Gives simple opinions about environments. Uses basic geographical words but not always in the correct context.	Be able, with guidance, and scaffolding to use data sources provided for them. Can identify geographical evidence, ideas and questions. Investigates with guidance and makes simple judgements. They can express their opinions, and recognise why others may have different points of view.