Year 8-Geography Skills	Emerging	Developing	Secure	Excelling
GS1  Geographical  Knowledge and  Understanding	-Recall of numerous geographical facts and information about places, environments, concepts and locations at 2 or more scalesGeneral knowledge of physical landforms and processesGeneral awareness of human interactions with the world we live inCan identify and describe one or two links between the physical and human world.	-Recall of a wider range of geographical facts and information about places, environments, concepts and locations at a range of scalesGood knowledge and understanding of physical landforms and processesGood knowledge of human interactions with the physical worldExplains some ways that human activities cause environments to change.	-Accurate recall of geographical facts and information about places, environments, concepts and locations at an increasingly broad range of scalesStrong Knowledge and understanding of physical landforms and how they have been createdStrong knowledge and understanding of human interactions with and use of the physical worldDetailed understanding of the ways in which human activities cause environments to change both positively and negatively.	-Detailed recall of a range of facts and geographical knowledge about places, environments, concepts and locations at a broad range of scalesSecure knowledge and understanding of physical environments and some physical processes which have led to the formation of physical featuresSecure knowledge and understanding of human interactions with and use of the physical worldSecure understanding of the ways in which human activities cause environments to change both positively and negatively.
GS2 Geographical Communications	-Descriptions are clear but lack detail.  -Inconsistent and limited use of PEE in explanations. Evidence provided in parts but no meaningful explanation.  -Work is written in sentences with basic punctuation.  -Limited or no judgements are made where they are asked for.	-Descriptions are detailed and accurate.  -Structured use of paragraphing and PEE with guidance. Some evidence and explanation provided but not fully developed.  -Work is clearly and correctly paragraphed.  -Where they are asked for, limited judgements are made but are unsupported and lack balance.  -Some attempt at categorisation of information (SEE, P/S impacts, ST/LT responses)	-Increasingly effective use of paragraphing and PEE independently. Explanations are reasonably well developed.  -Where appropriate, basic introductions and conclusions are used in extended writing.  -Where asked for, judgements are made and are beginning to be supported but lack clarity or extension.  -Increasing categorisation of information (SEE, P/S impacts, ST/LT responses)	-Effective use of paragraphing and PEE. Explanations are well developed.  -Work starts with a relevant introduction and supported conclusion where appropriate.  -Judgements are made with clarity and are based on the evidence and show balance.  -Developed categorisation of information (SEE, P/S impacts, ST/LT responses)
GS4 Geographical Sskills	Precise use of basic geographical skills.  -Some use of basic geographical words.  -Can identify 8 point compass directions, independent use of 4 figure grid references.  Beginning to use 6 figure grid references with guidance.  Uses the map key to identify significant features.  -Can use an atlas with support to locate countries and describe basic location  -Can draw and interpret simple graphs/charts (ie bar and line graphs) independently.	Beginning to master moderately difficult skills.  -Uses a broader range of geographical words.  -Can use 4 figure and 6 figure grid references independently. Begins to use other map skills such as measuring straight line and curved line distances but these lack accuracy.  -Can with guidance use an atlas to locate countries and give detailed explanation of location which may include latitude and longitude.  -Can draw and interpret moderately complicated graphs and charts (ie divided bar, histograms, climate graphs with guidance or some inaccuracies.	Precise use of moderately difficult geographical skills -Regular use of a range of appropriate geographical wordsCan use 4 figure and 6 figure grid references independently. Can use other map skills such as measuring straight line and curved line distances with accuracy. May begin to use most complex map skills such as using contours to work out relief with limited accuracy or with guidanceCan with guidance use the atlas to investigate physical and human geography of a countryCan draw and interpret moderately complicated graphs and charts (ie divided bar, histograms, climate graphs, choropleth maps) accurately and independently.	Beginning to master complex geographical skills  -Effectively uses a wide range of appropriate geographical words.  -Can use full range of map skills with accuracy and independently.  -Can use the atlas independently to investigate physical and human geography of a country.  -Can draw and interpret complicated graphs and charts (ie scatter graphs, pie charts, population pyramids, flow line maps, desire line maps and proportional symbols) with guidance or some inaccuracies.