SUBJECT: GEOGRAPHY **HOD:** MS M. O'BOYLE

	UNIT TITLES	LEARNING OBJECTIVES	ASSESSMENT ASSIGNMENTS
TERM 1	**Where & What is Europe** - Location - What is the E.U. - Population Distribution - Migration - Links with Europe **Detailed study of a European Country** - Italy/France - Physical, Human & Economic Issues	Pupils should learn: • Basic geography of Europe • Trends in migration & population change • An understanding of the geography of another EU country • Conflicts involved with tourism	• Test on Political/physical Europe • Research exercise on the EU today • Extended assignment on Tourism in Europe
TERM 2	**North America** - Climate Zones / Time Zones - Alaska: Tundra Ecosystem - Migration in USA - R. Colorado: Water as a Precious Resource - Plate Tectonics: California - The Caribbean: Hurricanes	Pupils should develop an understanding of: • The Tundra ecosystem & the physical & human processes influencing it • Tectonic processes & their effects on landscape & people • Cause & effects of hurricanes	• Geographical enquiry into the threats to wilderness regions: 'Should the desert bloom?' • Newspaper report on earthquakes • Year 8 Exam
TERM 3	**Japan** - Culture Clash - Natural Environment Issues - Japan's Industrial Development - Japan's Role in the future	Pupils should develop an understanding of: • Japan's physical & political geography • Japan's development over the past 50 years • Hazard management • Hi-tech industry & globalization of industry	• Extended piece of writing on how Japan has become a superpower against the odds • Exercise on sustainable development in Japan