**Parent Tips**

**Year 7 - Aut 1 – Map Skills**

1. Watch the demonstration on how to read grid references. This will develop confidence on how to read grid references on maps.

Summarise the key instructions on how to read grid references

Pause the video clip and complete some of the examples from the grid.

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Spi-7sT2Y5E**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Spi-7sT2Y5E)

1. Read the information from national geographic on maps.

Make notes and summarise what we mean by a map, using scale, symbols and grids.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/map/>

1. Students could download this game to practice identifying symbols in a more fun way.

<https://www.getoutwiththekids.co.uk/activities/playing-things/map-symbol-bingo/>

1. Use Google earth to explore the different parts of the world. Zoom in on the different continents to see where different countries are located and find information about these different countries.

<https://www.google.co.uk/intl/en_uk/earth/>

1. Use Google maps to plan journeys from different places. Students use the maps to write a geographical route between the two places (compass directions, distance, types of roads/routes used.

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps>