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# GEOGRAPHY

## Curriculum Newsletter

### YEAR 11

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# Curriculum Intent

At Wickersley Partnership Trust we understand that getting the curriculum right for each and every individual student is the single most important factor in ensuring progress, encouraging positive engagement and raising aspirations.

We want all students to leave able and qualified to play their full part in an ever-changing world through an ambitious, creative and innovative curriculum, which empowers students with the skills, knowledge and attributes to allow them to succeed in their next phase of education and their working life.

The Geography curriculum is designed to develop curiosity about the world and its people to unlock the key to their future.

## Year 11 Curriculum

During Year 11, students will cover a variety of topics. Click on the below to explore.

### Fieldwork

In this section of the specification, students apply their knowledge and skills of the enquiry process to investigate the sustainability of regeneration in Sheffield city centre.

### Living World

In this section of the specification, students study the characteristics of ecosystems such as tropical rainforests and deserts. Students explore threats to these ecosystems and how best to manage them. Students focus on the Thar Desert and the Malaysian rainforest in particular.

### Changing Economic World

In this section of the specification, students study the rapid economic development of Nigeria and the changing economic future of the UK.

### Resource Management




In this section of the specification, students study the issues surrounding the management of food, water and energy resources in our changing world. Students focus on energy resources considering the issues around energy insecurity.

## Assessment Points




Students are assessed on their GCSE paper exams, coursework and fieldwork throughout the year. Exams are split into three papers over May and June.

## Immerse Yourself

### BBC Bitesize Geography

-  Develop Skills
-  Tests and Topics
-  Geography Revision at home

### Tutor2U GCSE Geography Revision

-  Get Revising Quicker!
-  Quizzes and Activities
-  Study Support and Revision

Students should use AQA Geography resources

- Tutor2U
- BBC bitesize
- Internet Geography

## Test Your Knowledge with Quizlet...

Quizlet's Y11 Geography flashcards are a fantastic way to memorise relevant Geography terms to help you with your studies. Click on the icon below to start!



# Praise and Reward

Our rewards system can be broadly split into four categories: classroom level, subject level, school level and privilege rewards. We'll focus on classroom and subject rewards here - for more information about our rewards schemes, please see our website.

## CLASSROOM LEVEL REWARDS

Awarded for: working hard, taking risks and rising to a challenge, making mistakes and learning from them, helping others, and taking pride in the school community.

Rewarded by: praise postcards, positive phone calls to parents/carers, positive text messages home, and lesson based prizes.

## SUBJECT LEVEL REWARDS

Reward scheme: Star of the Week, Curriculum Awards (Subject/School Way, Participation, Working with Pride, Embracing the Whole Curriculum), High Flyer, Extra Mile, Most Improved.

Rewarded by: names displayed on reward boards, certificates, social media posts.

# Broadening Horizons

Our intent is that all students have a full understanding of how to develop themselves as well rounded citizens, maintain healthy relationships and understand how to keep themselves safe both online and in their day-to-day life.

We want all students to know what options are open to them in the future and understand the routes they have in order to progress on their life journey.

- Year 11 students have taken part in a fieldtrip to Sheffield City Centre where they could collect primary data on the regeneration of this unique urban environment
- Wider opportunities through residential, Camps International, charitable work and our Duke of Edinburgh provision



## Duke of Edinburgh - Geography Camp Residential

The DofE Geography and Geology camp offers a fantastic opportunity to extend your experience and knowledge. This course is aimed at students with an interest in geology and geography, whether they have studied the subject formally or not. Click on the logo to find out more.

## National Geographic - Rainforests 101

Rainforests are home to over half of the world's plant and animal species. Learn about tropical and temperate rainforests, how they contribute to the global ecosystem, and the conservation efforts being done to protect these biomes with National Geographic. Click on the logo to watch the video!



# Careers

We run a series of 'Careers in the Curriculum' weeks in our school. For Geography, this week takes place in May.

Students take part in activities to encourage them to think about how what they learn in the classroom can be applied in a number of future careers.

One of the career paths discussed was being a Volcanologist, within this role, they balance the risk and reward of such a dangerously exciting profession. Click on the image below to watch a video and find out more!



## The Geography Way

The Geography Way is followed and referred to in all lessons. The Geography Way has two main purposes. Firstly, to teach students the vital skills they need to achieve their full potential and gain the very best grades they can. Secondly, to teach students how each subject relates to the wider world, incorporating the life skills they will learn.

**THE GEOGRAPHY WAY**

**WE EXPLAIN OUR REASONS USING CONNECTIVES**  
We explain both sides of the geographical argument when asked to

**WE USE OUR OWN EXPERIENCES OF THE WORLD**  
We consider our global responsibilities

**WE ANALYSE & interpret data & graphs to the BEST of our ability**  
We always make links to the question  
We use diagrams & data to help with our learning  
We learn & use geography key terms

**We use maps & refer to locations**  
We use real world examples  
We complete fieldwork safely & accurately

**THE GEOGRAPHY WAY**  
**THE SUBJECT WAYS**

**SUBJECT WAYS**

Have your say! ✨

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