BENSHAM MANOR School

Geography KS4 Curriculum Map 2026-27

	Year 10	Year 11
Autumn Term 1	**WJEC Pathways** **Population** **3 credits** This topic is designed to provide students with a deeper understanding of the evolving demographic landscape of the United Kingdom. Through engaging lessons, students will explore the factors influencing population changes, from birth rates to migration patterns, and the impact on society. The unit aims to foster awareness of how these changes shape communities, influence social dynamics, and contribute to the nation's cultural diversity.	**WJEC Pathways** **Threatened Ecosystems** **4 credits** This topic is crafted to deepen students' understanding of the delicate balance of ecosystems around the world and the challenges they face. Through engaging lessons, students will explore the causes of ecosystem threats, from human activities to climate change, and learn about the importance of biodiversity. The unit aims to inspire a sense of environmental responsibility, empowering students to become stewards of our planet.
Autumn Term 2	**WJEC Pathways** **Population** **3 credits**	**WJEC Pathways** **Threatened Ecosystems** **4 credits**
Spring Term 1	**WJEC Pathways** **Responding to Tectonic Events** **4 credits** This unit is made to equip students with essential knowledge and skills to understand and respond to the powerful forces beneath the Earth's surface. Through engaging lessons, students will explore tectonic events such as earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, learning about their causes and the geographical regions most affected. This topic aims to foster preparedness and resilience, teaching students how communities respond to these natural phenomena and the measures in place to mitigate their impact.	**WJEC Pathways** **Food production and the consumer** **4 credits** This unit is designed to unravel the fascinating journey of food from farm to table, connecting students with the intricate process that brings nourishment to their plates. Through engaging lessons, students will explore the various stages of food production, from cultivation and harvesting to processing and distribution. This topic aims to cultivate a deeper understanding of the choices we make as consumers, encouraging mindful decisions that consider sustainability, nutrition, and the global impact of our food choices.
Spring Term 2	**WJEC Pathways** **Responding to Tectonic Events** **4 credits**	**WJEC Pathways** **Food production and the consumer** **Pathways**

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Summer Term 1	**WJEC Pathways** **Responding to Tectonic Events** **4 credits**	**WJEC Pathways** **Food production and the consumer**
Summer Term 2	**Current affairs - what is happening in the world? Fair trade / cost of living.** This unit is designed to connect students with the ever-changing world around them, exploring current events and global issues. Through dynamic lessons, students will delve into the concept of fair trade and the implications of cost of living on individuals and communities. The topic aims to foster critical thinking, encouraging students to analyse, discuss, and form informed opinions about the world's pressing challenges.	**RSHE** This topic is carefully designed to empower students with essential life skills and knowledge. Our programme goes beyond traditional education, aiming to foster a holistic understanding of relationships, personal well-being, and health. Through engaging lessons, students will explore topics such as emotional well-being, consent, respectful relationships, and the importance of physical and mental health. Our RSHE topic emphasises inclusivity, diversity, and open communication, creating a safe space for students to ask questions, share experiences, and develop the skills needed for a healthy and fulfilling life.