Science at the Hart School

Yr 13 AQA Environmental Science Curriculum overview

<u>Curriculum intent:</u> Science encompasses everything that we are and allows us to make sense of the world around us. Science at The Hart School is more than just a core subject. We believe an outstanding science education should develop students' curios scientific knowledge to question the world in which we live, enable critical-thinking and encourage students to become socially aware global criticals.

Our Science faculty has planned an inspiring, inclusive, and diverse curriculum that is designed to engage and enthuse students with the real-life applications of the subject whilst promoting ambition and aspirations for their future.

In an ever-changing world, in which STEAM subjects are at the forefront of advancements for the future, we want to prepare our students for this by not only looking at the knowledge of the subject, but also the methods, processing skills and applications associated with it. This ensures that our students are scientifically literate, able to evaluate what they see in the news and the world around them and make informed decisions that will affect their future lives and the planet.

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Course Topic: topics are it in small ee chunks and ed regularly. onal support		Chapter 10: Pollution Sources on teams		Chapter 11: Agriculture	Chapter 12: Aquatic food resources	Chapter 13: Forest resources See revision resources	Chapter 14: Sustainability on teams	Chapter 15: Research methods	
additional resources which will help your child Knowledge: ncluded here is the specific knowledge	The importance of energy resources in both past and future developments in society should be analysed. The impact of future energy supply problems should be evaluated. Students should understand how improvements in technology can provide increasing	Students should understand how the properties of materials and energy forms interact to result in environmental change. They should apply this knowledge to suggest solutions to minimise current pollution problems and prevent future problems. Students should	:k papers	forest resources for a growing systems. The interaction of the	erstanding of the challenge posed by human population without damagin e production of biological resources wing with conservation of biodiversity,	g the planet's life support with other areas of the subject	and the circular economy. Examples should be taken from throughout the areas of study to gain an understanding of the interconnected nature of	methods used to investigate a wide range of environmental issues. It is not expected that students will have first hand experience of all of these although, where this is possible, it will enhance their learning experience. The required practical skills are detailed in Appendix A: Working scientifically (page 97) and opportunities for developing these skills are signposted throughout the subject	
is: uded here is the cific skills your d will learn in ail	amounts of energy from sustainable sources. Quantitative data should be used to compare and evaluate new and existing technologies	'	Assessment 1 - AS moc				environmental problems and solutions to these problems. Students should consider sustainability on local, national and global scales.	content. Students must understand the general principles of scientific methodology and be able to apply these to a wide range of environmental situations and techniques. Preliminary studies may be used to ensure the study will produce representative data. Practical activities should be carried out with consideration of their environmental impacts and how these can be minimised. Students must undertake experimental and investigative activities, including appropriate risk management, in a range of environmental	
								contexts. They must also know how to safely and correctly use a range of practical equipment and materials. Students must carry out practical activities using the best contemporary practices for risk assessment and safe working in the laboratory and during fieldwork.	