

Since our last bulletin, our Geographers have been developing their understanding of the natural and human environments. We're excited to share what our students have been exploring in Geography. It's been a busy and engaging time across all year groups, with students making great progress while connecting their learning to real-world issues and places. Here's what each year group has been up to:

Our Year 7 students have been learning how weather is measured and how climate varies across the world. They will explore how climate change is affecting different countries and the steps we can all take to help. They will discuss heatwaves in the UK to the disappearing Solomon Islands. By doing this, students will link their learning to global events.

Year 8s have been investigating how and why populations grow and change. They've focused on China, learning about its one-child policy, urban growth, and how the country is changing today.

Our Year 9 students have dived into the challenges and opportunities faced by fast-growing cities, with a spotlight on Rio in Brazil. From housing and transport to inequality and environmental issues, they've been asking important questions about how cities can grow sustainably. They looked at real examples of favelas and how local people and governments are working to improve life in urban areas.

Year 10s have been exploring natural hazards such as earthquakes, volcanoes, and tropical storms, and their impacts on people and the environment. They've also returned to the topic of climate change, this time in greater depth.

Our Year 11s have been working hard revising for their GCSE exams. We are so proud of their dedication and resilience. As they complete their final exams, we wish them the very best for the future, whether that's college, apprenticeships or further studies.

### 🚩 Flag Competition Success!

Earlier this year, students across Year 7 took part in our Antarctic Flag Competition, designing flags to represent the spirit of exploration and environmental protection. We're thrilled to confirm that our flags made it all the way to Antarctica, where they were proudly displayed by researchers working at a British Antarctic Survey station. We received photos of our students' flags flying in the snow. A brilliant reminder that geography connects us to even the most remote parts of our planet.

#### Important Dates this Cycle

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>-Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half-term**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Transition Family Information Evening**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Transition**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – School closed to students – training day**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term**

#### How best to communicate with school

• **Email [office@beckfootthornton.org](mailto:office@beckfootthornton.org) – this is monitored throughout the school day**

• **Calling us – please be aware that we have a small reception team, and staff will not always be able to speak to you during the school day**

• **Drop in – you can come to our weekly drop in to speak to the headteacher or a member of the leadership team**

• **Parents Evenings**

**Please do not email individual members of staff as they may not be in school that day or have access to emails. If you cannot get through on the phone, please email and let us know: [office@beckfootthornton.org](mailto:office@beckfootthornton.org)**

#### Things to look forward to after half-term

<b>Mon 01/06</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 maths assessments</li> <li>Headteacher drop-in session– 1.30-2.30pm</li> <li>Warhammer Club</li> </ul>
<b>Tues 02/06</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Science exam (Physics)</li> <li>Year 10 English language assessments</li> <li>Chess Club</li> <li>'Matilda' rehearsals</li> <li>Y7, 8 and 9 Girls Rugby – after school</li> <li>Y7-10 Rounders – after school</li> <li>Y7-9 Rugby – after school</li> </ul>
<b>Wed 03/06</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Maths exam</li> <li>Year 11 Health and Social Care exam</li> <li>Year 11 Geography exam</li> <li>Gaming Club</li> <li>Y7-10 Badminton – after school</li> <li>Y7 Boys Football – after school</li> </ul>
<b>Thurs 04/06</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 History exam</li> <li>Year 10 Science assessments (Biology)</li> <li>LGBTQ+ Club</li> <li>Y7 &amp; 8 Rugby – after school</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 05/06</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 English language exam</li> <li>Year 10 History assessments</li> <li>Year 10 Geography assessments</li> <li>Y7-9 Kick About Football – after school</li> </ul>