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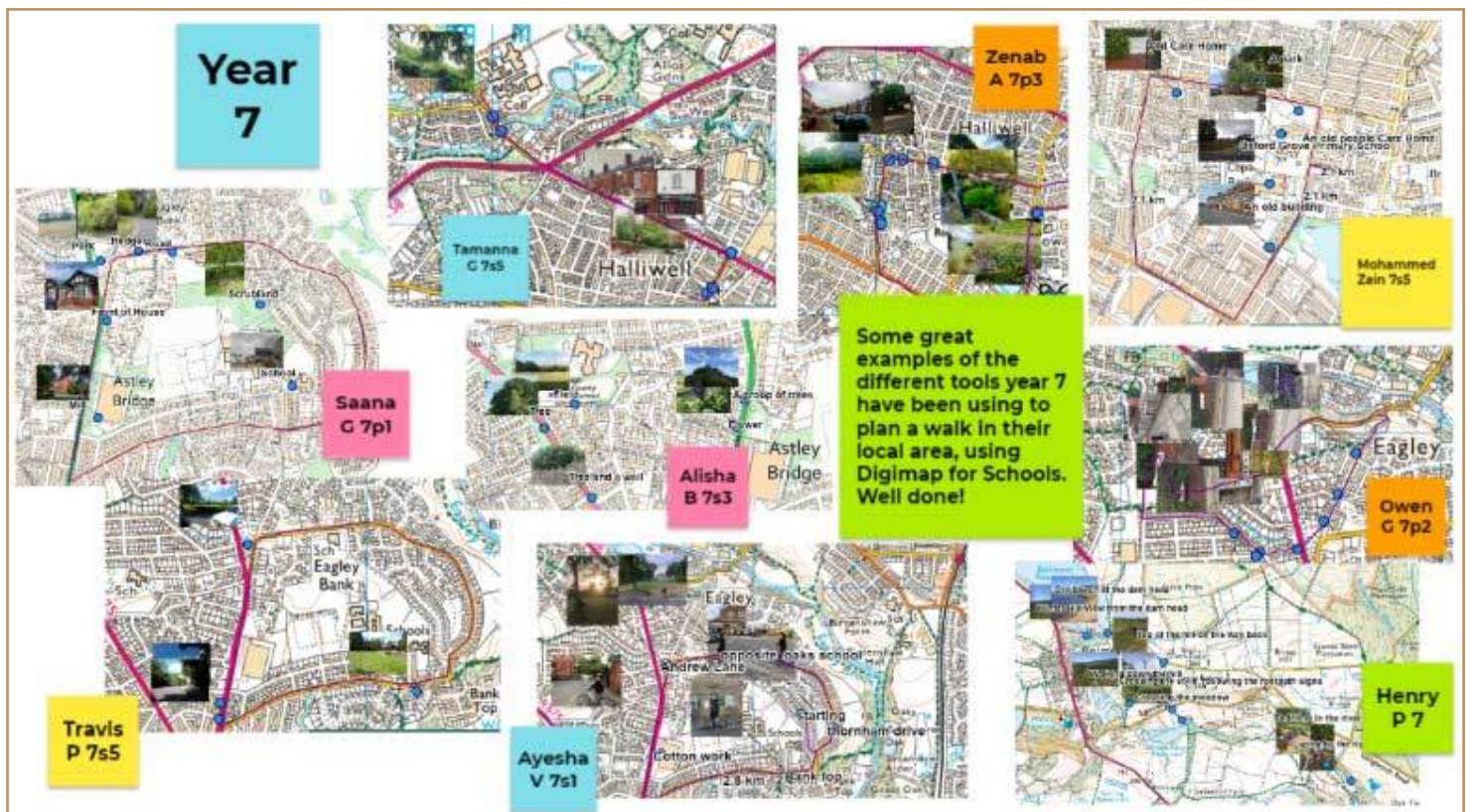
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KS3 Geography Online Mapping by Mrs Finney

Our Year 7 and 8 Geographers have been getting to grips with online mapping during the summer term, using an online platform called Digimap for Schools.

This brilliant website has been used by Sharples for many years, but during lockdown the University of Edinburgh, who run the website, ran a number of webinars that I took part in, with a view to creating a number of lessons that would be accessible online for our KS3 students.

Tasks ranged from the basics of searching for their house and Sharples School using postcodes, planning and measuring a route that they could walk as part of their daily exercise and creating a photo-map of this route using tools on the website. The results of these tasks are shown below, with some incredible photography skills and beautiful walks completed in the gorgeous early June sunshine.

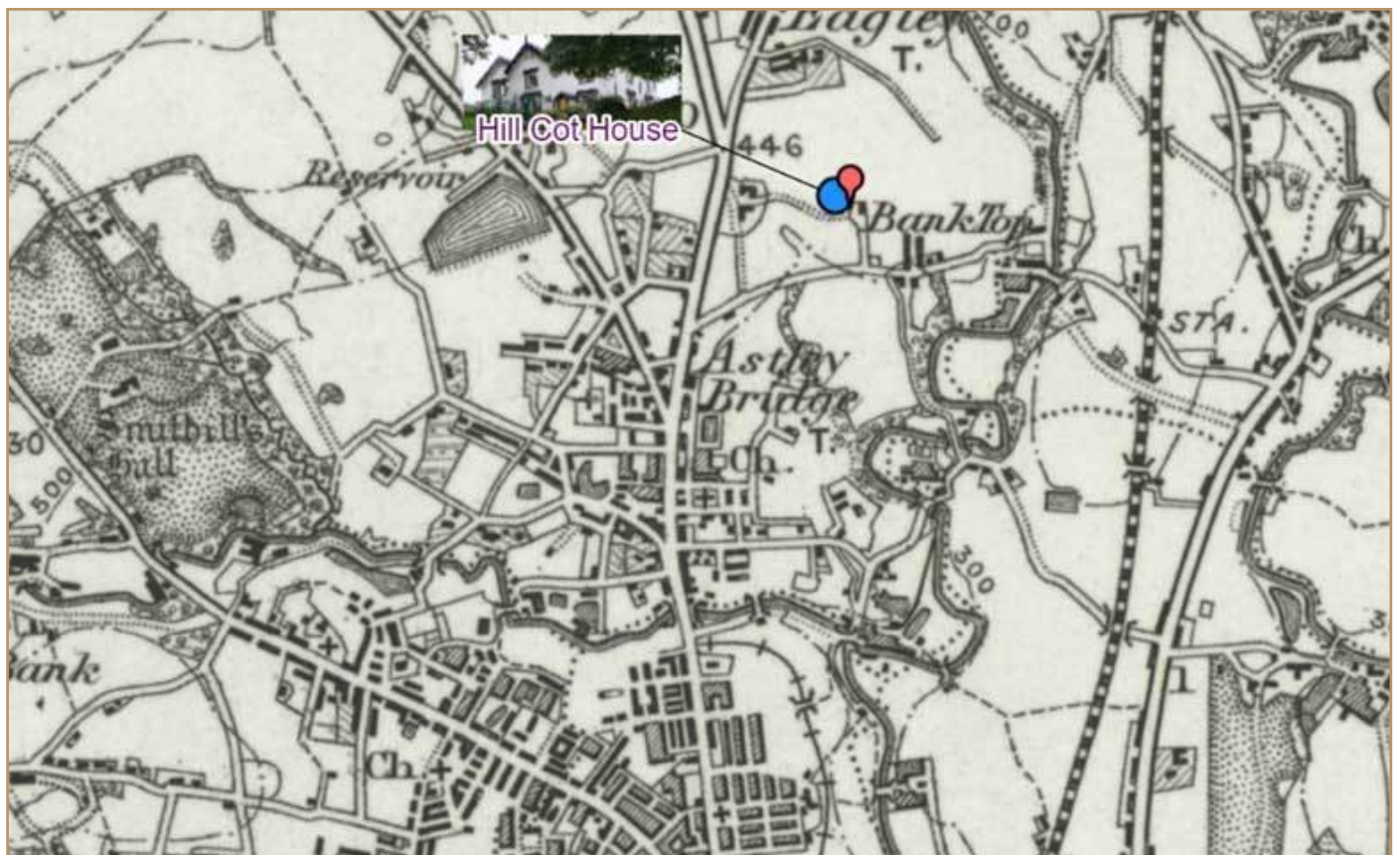
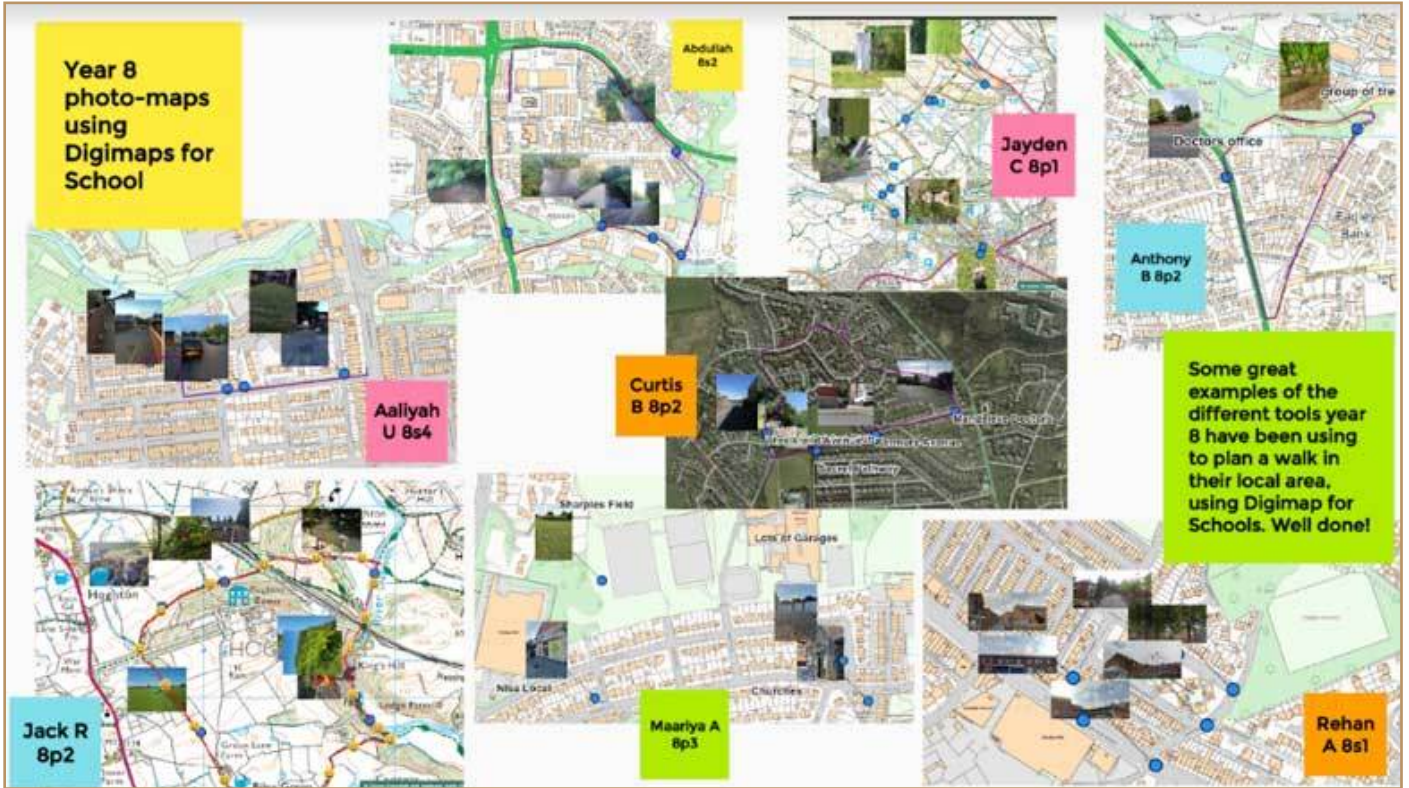




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KS3 Geography Online Mapping by Mrs Finney (Continued)

Another fantastic feature of this website are the historic Ordnance Survey maps you can view. Many students found it fascinating to see their house wasn't built in the 1950's or that our very own Hill Cot House was a country residence in the 1890's, as shown on the black and white map above.

Myself and the whole geography department are so proud of how well the students have adapted to a new way of learning and embraced all the tasks that have been set. These range from an independent project about a Newly Emerging Economy of their choice to the impacts of climate change on our world and The Maldives. I am very excited to welcome both year groups back in September and hope that some of the skills they have learnt during lockdown will be utilised in their geography lessons to come.

Lockdown Blog: Year 7

In the second installment of our 'Student Voice' blog, we asked two of our Year 7 students, Sanah Dadabhai and Khadijah Patel, to reflect on topics ranging from their lockdown experience, their first year at Sharples and their hopes for the next academic year. Here's what they talked about.

What have you been doing at home during the lockdown?

During this lockdown I have been doing lots of school work and have been attending live lessons. I have also been catching up with all my friends and how their lives in quarantine have been going. This experience has made me realize how important school is and how you should not take life for granted.

Sanah

During lockdown, I have been recycling and gardening to help the environment such as, re-using plastic to make different products e.g. pen holders, rockets etc. I have learned to be creative which I have really enjoyed. I also enjoyed cooking meals; you need to try my 'Spaghetti and Grassango' smoothies!

Khadijah



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What has Sharples done to make sure you are still learning at home? What have you enjoyed about this distance learning?

Sharples has provided us with many amazing teachers and online facilities to ensure that all students are up to date with all their learning. I have enjoyed many of the school tasks which the teachers have sent us and I especially have enjoyed the amazing live lessons which are really educational but also full of joy and (sometimes) sarcasm!

Sanah

I have engaged in various intellectual challenges and, sometimes, physical activities. Taking part in the obstacle course challenge for Bolton Hospice was fun! I have also enjoyed showing my artistic skills – check out my 5 dance actions and my imitations of several artists! I have been in all the live lessons, which has been a new, innovative, learning experience. It has helped me in developing my knowledge and understanding of certain subjects. I want to thank all of my teachers for their hard work and effort in bringing this experience to me and so many other students.

Khadijah

What do you miss about school?

I miss all my lessons, my wonderful teachers and my friends. My friends all mean so much to me and they are a huge part of my life. I can't wait to see them all again.

Sanah

The lockdown has made me realise how dear and important my friends are to me. I am really grateful to have them in my life. I really miss Zainab, Emaan, Maria, Ayesha, Madiha and many more. It has also given me an opportunity to think of the teachers I am really grateful for. I am grateful to all the teachers at Sharples, especially Mrs Smith! She has been encouraging me ever since lockdown started and has opened my mind. She has been such an inspiration and is a great English teacher. Thank you Mrs Smith for all you have done! I also miss my PE, art and other clubs that I do as part of the Baccalaureate.

Khadijah



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What are your best memories of your first year of Sharples?

Some of my best memories are:

The 'Night at the Museum' trip to Birmingham.

All my astonishing lessons with my brilliant teachers

Being with my friends

Singing the Sharples School 'Book of Honour' in my very first year was incredible!

Sanah

One of my best memories at Sharples School so far is the 'Night at the Museum' trip. It was amazing! I also enjoyed the movie in the theatre for the Sharples Bacculaureate.

Khadijah

What are you looking forward to doing in Year 8?

Once I'm in Year 8 and things are hopefully back to normal, I am really looking forward to coming back to school and getting back into my old daily school routine. I miss that, my lessons and I really miss my friends.

Sanah

I am excited to return to school in Year 8 and meet my friends, talk to my current teachers and meet the new teachers we will have. I am also looking forward to going on trips.

I just want to say a huge thank you to all teachers and I cannot wait to see you again!

Khadijah

If you wish to hear more from our Student Voice blog, [click here](#).

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 29th June onwards
Year 10 Options Lessons
begin in school

Week Beg 13th July
"Virtual" Academic Achievement
Assemblies (Year 7-10 everyday)



Sharples Stars Community Challenge 9 Arts Festival of Hope

The English, Art and Performing Arts departments have teamed up to organise a virtual arts festival based on the theme of 'hope.'

All entries should follow this theme. You can:

Create a piece of art- a painting, a drawing, a sculpture or an artistic photograph (e.g. of the beautiful nature surrounding us). Email Mrs Fletcher for advice.

Create a poem and you could also be invited to compete in our virtual live poetry slam on Thursday 9th July. Email Mr Hesford and Miss Ayub for more details.

Sing or play a song; perform a dance or perform a monologue (all either written/choreographed by yourself or a professional work). You could also be invited to perform at the online performing arts showcase evening on Wednesday 8th July. Email Mrs Stevens for advice.

Please send photos and videos to c.smith1@sharples.school.co.uk via Google Drive by **Friday 10th July 2020**

NOTE: These images will be used on our school social media (website/twitter) unless you specify that you do not wish for it to be shared.



Community star points will be added for students who participate.

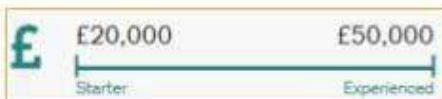
Academic

Community

Excellence

Career of the Week: Digital Marketer

Average Salary:



Typical hours: (per week)



You could work:



Qualifications:

- 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course, for a higher or degree apprenticeship.
- Between 1 and 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a higher national diploma or degree.
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship

Skills required:

- Knowledge of English language
- Analytical thinking skills
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- The ability to use your initiative
- excellent written communication skills

Relevant Subjects:

- English, Business Studies, Computer Science