



Global
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Healthy
Eating



Climate
Change



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Guidelines for Diamond Eco-Schools Years 11 and Beyond: Topic Specialists



Your school is part of the largest International network of schools worldwide and you are now a school with a proud “Story of Change. With more than 11 years as part of the Eco-schools network your school is now an Eco-School with **expert knowledge on various environmental topics**. In order to keep the learning and benefits cycling through your school (even Eco-Schools gets recycled!!) it is quite important to involve new learners and teachers in the planning and learning that takes place as part of setting up your Eco-Schools work.

We really want to reward your school for its efforts and to encourage your school to “**start again**” with your **Eco-Schools journey in a whole new cycle**. This does not mean that you will lose your proud history! What this means is that you will revisit the 5 themes in whichever order that you prefer and for this work you will be awarded with a topic focused Diamond Award and a badge that you can attach to your Eco-Schools flag that represents the topic expertise that your school has displayed.

The topic badges are listed on this page and these will be the topic badges that you can earn. You will still have to follow the seven steps framework (**see handbook**) and report on your Eco-schools work in the same way that you would as a first year Eco-School, that is, report on your committee, eco-code, meetings held and on your lessons and action projects. This would need to be submitted by the 31st of October. Please ensure that the intended topic and theme which this falls into, is listed clearly and that you have checked that you have followed the seven step framework. **Refer to the reporting guidelines that you receive in your years 1-5 toolkit** as this will be the same for the years 11 and beyond, except that you can work on a special topic.

See awards table for years 11 and beyond on the next page.



Biodiversity



Sustaining
our world



Energy



Transport



School
Grounds



The progression of awards is as follows:

Registration Level	Year	Requirements	Award
Level 11	Year 11	1 Action Project supported with examples of lessons and learners work on chosen topic related to one of the 5 themes	Diamond Award & badge
Level 12	Year 12	2 Action Projects supported with examples of lessons and learners work (including theme and topic from Year 11)	Diamond Award & badge
Level 13	Year 13	3 Action Projects supported with examples of lessons and learners work (including themes and topics from Years 11 -1 2)	Diamond Award & badge
Level 14	Year 14	4 Action Projects supported with examples of lessons and learners work (including themes and topics from Years 11 -1 3)	Diamond Award & badge
Level 15	Year 15	5 Action Projects supported with examples of lessons and learners work (including themes and topics from Years 11 - 14)	Diamond Award & badge
Level 16 to yr 19	Year 16-19	Sustain projects and topic focus areas	Diamond Award & badge
Level 20	Year 20	'Our Eco-School story of 20 years of change'	Double Diamond Decade Award & badge

Good luck and please contact your provincial Eco-Schools manager or the National Office if you have any queries on 033 3303931 or email ecoschools@wessa.co.za or bridget@wessa.co.za.

See www.eco-schools.org to connect with schools from all over the globe and to share ideas and resources

For more information on the nine topics also see the website <http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/ecoschools/gettingstarted/ninetopics>

