

GCE GEOGRAPHY BULLETIN, JANUARY 2026

I hope you had a very pleasant Christmas break and that this newsletter is useful as you plan for the upcoming examinations and the remainder of this academic year. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

KEY DATES FOR SUMMER 2026

U1 AS Examination	Tuesday, 12 May (PM)	U3 A level Examination	Thursday 21 May (PM)
U2 AS Examination	Wednesday, 20 May (AM)	U4 A level Examination	Friday 8 June (PM)
		Results Day	Thursday 13 August

SPECIFICATION UPDATES

Please be aware of the minor updates to the specification announced in June 2024. These are valid for all AS and A level examinations from 2025 onwards. A copy of the updated specification is available on our website (with all updates listed inside the front cover) and all candidates must be aware of updates relevant to this series.

GEOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

Please join us at the Geographical Association Annual Conference held at Sheffield College – City Campus between 8 and 10 of April. The full conference programme is available to view [here](#). Members of our team will be available on the WJEC/Eduqas stand throughout. We hope to see you there!

INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION SUBMISSIONS

For the 2026 assessment series, all sample work for Unit 5 NEA Independent Investigations must be uploaded to IAMIS. Please note that hard copy submissions will no longer be accepted for moderation from 2026 onwards.

Key Dates:

- IAMIS opens for NEA mark submissions: 10 March 2026
- Deadline for uploading sample investigations: 20 March 2026

Once the sample has been generated, centres should ensure all required materials are uploaded by the deadline. Guidance on uploading NEA materials to IAMIS can be accessed [here](#).

Each candidate's work will need to be submitted as two separate documents, named using the following format: Centre No – Candidate No – Candidate Forename and Surname (Example: 99977-24403-Anne Example)

Document 1: Administration Forms (accessed here: [AS/A Level Geography](#))

- Independent Investigation Form Section 1 – Candidate/Teacher Authentication
- Independent Investigation Form Section 2 – Proposal
- Independent Investigation Form Section 3 – Mark Sheet

Please ensure Sections 1 and 2 include signatures from both the candidate and the teacher.

Centres must also upload the Fieldwork Declaration Form, signed by the Head of Centre, for the candidate awarded the highest mark in the sample.

Document 2: Candidate's Work (accepted file formats: Word or PDF).

We would wish to remind you that use of Artificial Intelligence tools for research purposes should be cited within candidate investigations and that no candidates should be using AI tools to plagiarise content submitted as their own. Further guidance on the use of AI in assessments is available [here](#).

WJEC GEOGRAPHY CENTRE NETWORKING MAPS

The WJEC GCE / GCSE Geography Networking Map helps centres collaborate in delivering the qualifications. Previous information shared by centres is now outdated. To join and update the network, please complete the [WJEC Centre Networking Form](#) [here](#).

INTERESTED IN EXAMINING FOR WJEC IN 2026?

As an Examiner or Moderator, you will gain invaluable insight into the assessment process at WJEC, enhance your skill set, and increase your understanding of the subject content. All examiner training conferences in 2026 will be held online. Please register your interest by contacting us via GCEGeography@wjec.co.uk.

NEXT BULLETIN

The next bulletin will be sent in April. In the meantime, may I take this opportunity to wish all your students every success during the forthcoming examination series.

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