

GCE GEOGRAPHY BULLETIN, APRIL 2019

I hope you find this newsletter 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.

INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION SUBMISSIONS

Thank you for your efforts to submit sample investigations to moderators by 29th of March. On results day, via the secure website, each centre will receive detailed feedback on the Independent Investigation samples submitted. Please ensure you read your report carefully.

As many of you will be guiding your students through the planning stages of the NEA during the summer term, we would like to take this opportunity to emphasise a few important points:

- All titles and research questions should be rooted **within the specification content** and it is the teacher's responsibility to discuss titles with candidates to ensure that they are on a secure path. Where a centre is uncertain of the suitability of a title, please use the **Title Advice Service**. All details of this service can be found on the WJEC GCE Geography homepage
- Please inform your students of the JCQ guidance on word length and inform them at the outset that they should not be submitting investigations over 4,000 words in length. It is important that titles are refined to ensure that the scope of the investigation can be addressed within this word length guided limit. Investigations must be concise and focused throughout to be awarded marks in the highest bands.

KEY DATES FOR SUMMER 2019

Unit 1 Examination	14 th May PM	Unit 4 Examination	13 th June PM
Unit 2 Examination	21 st May AM		
Unit 3 Examination	6 th June PM	Results Day	15 th August

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The 2019-20 WJEC training sessions will be relevant to the teaching of both GCSE and GCE level Geography:

- Decision-making geography – creative ways to approach evaluating and decision-making in the geography classroom
- Fieldwork – undertaking inspiring place-based fieldwork, setting good enquiry questions and collecting meaningful data

Further details will follow on the [CPD page](#) later this term. We look forward to seeing you there.

NEXT BULLETIN

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

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