

GCSE Geography bulletin, January 2023

Croeso 'nô! Welcome back! We hope that you had a fantastic Christmas and New Year break and that you had opportunity to spend some time doing the things you love. This bulletin provides some important information and resources developed by WJEC to support you with the delivery of the specification for this academic year. We hope that you find these useful to support your teaching, departmental teams and most importantly your learners.

ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR WJEC GCSE EXAMINATIONS 2023

Advance information for Unit 1 and Unit 2 will be published in February 2023. Advance information will communicate, ahead of the examinations, the focus of the content of the assessments or part of the assessments that will be assessed in some (or all) of the written examinations for each qualification. It is intended to support revision for learners.

FIELDWORK AND UNIT 3 NEA UPDATE

Feedback from centres over the last few years has noted the challenge and demand of undertaking two field work experiences for assessment on Unit 3. However, the qualification does not require that both fieldwork experiences have to be assessed as part of Unit 3. If a centre wishes, they could focus on one fieldwork experience for learners to use for the Unit 3 NEA. The fieldwork experience would have to cover both the methodological approach and the conceptual framework for that series. Please read the [Fieldwork Update and Guidance for Teaching 2024 onwards](#) on the website.

To support this the methodological approach and conceptual framework for the series 2024 to 2026 have been selected so that teachers can provide fieldwork experiences that use both in a meaningful investigation. Some fieldwork guidance is available on the website to support planning of investigations – [Possible Fieldwork Tasks for WJEC GCSE Geography 2024](#).

Two fieldwork experiences must still be completed over the duration of the course. The second fieldwork experience could be used to further compliment the teaching of the specification and could be undertaken at any time during the GCSE course.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING EVENTS

Thanks to all who attended our professional learning sessions during the autumn. All materials from the sessions are available on the secure website.

GEOGRAOPHICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

Please join us at the Geographical Association Annual Conference held at Sheffield Hallam University between 13 and 15 of April. WJEC will be sponsoring two events at the Conference and members of our team will be available on the WJEC/Eduqas stand throughout. We hope to see you there!

GCSE RESOURCES

Visit the [Digital Resources website](#) to access a variety of resources that can be used to support learning and teaching of GCSE Geography in the classroom or as part of a blended/flipped learning programme.

Popular examples:

- Accuracy, reliability, and validity in fieldwork
- Developing More Effective Fieldwork Investigations
- Weather and Climate: A teachers guide
- Blended learning modules
- Knowledge Organisers

The Geographical Association have also produced some [new resources on flooding](#).

All the best with the teaching and best wishes to learners sitting exams in the summer. Please get in touch if we can assist you in any way. Gyda phob dymuniad da am y flwyddyn sydd i ddod.

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