

WJEC Newsletter – September 2025

AS/A level Geography

Welcome back. We hope you had a restful summer break and that your student’s results were pleasing. Thank you for all the hard work done to prepare them for their exams.

The following newsletter contains some important information for the coming year, and we hope you find it useful. As ever, do not hesitate to contact the Subject Team if you have any queries concerning the forthcoming year.

AUTUMN TERM PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Our Assessment Feedback Package for 2025-26 will help you gain a deeper understanding of how our assessments are marked or moderated. This integrated suite of resources and training brings together free access to Principal Examiner reports, marked scripts, and online assessment feedback sessions.

You can learn more about how you and your students can benefit from our Assessment Feedback Package here: [Assessment Feedback Package 2025-26](#). You can download the most recent Principal Examiner Interim Report (full report available from end of September) and register for our free, online feedback events on our qualification page.

Our online Professional Learning event this autumn will focus on feedback from the 2025 exam series. There will be two live events in Chester and Wrexham. Join us if you can. Full details can be found [here](#).

AS/A level Geography (free online event)	Tuesday 18 November	16:00 – 17:30
AS/A level Geography (Cardiff)	10 December	09:30-15:00
AS/A level Geography (Wrexham)	12 December	09:30-15:00

INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION and ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS 2026

We are sure that the preparation of your next cohort of students is well underway. Be sure to download your moderation reports from our Portal area so that you can review the guidance and advice offered for your centre.

Note that the date for uploading the sample of individual investigations in 2026 will be **Friday 20 March**. The Portal will be open for mark submissions from **10 March**.

May we remind you that **the submission process for your NEA samples is changing in 2026**. All NEA samples will be uploaded via IAMIS so students should bear this in mind when presenting their investigations. It would be most helpful if candidates followed the suggested structure of the investigation faithfully, with clear sections provided for the elements of the mark scheme. Combining data presentation and analysis is a logical route to take so there is no need to advise your students to separate these two elements if this is their chosen approach.

Students must be made aware that the use of Artificial Intelligence tools for research purposes should be cited within their investigations and that no candidates should be using AI tools to plagiarise content submitted as their own work. Be aware that ‘chatbot’ generated content does not demonstrate knowledge and understanding in relation to the specification and cannot be credited (even where candidates acknowledge use). JCQ have published a wealth of guidance on the use of AI in NEA assessments (including guidance and posters for students). Every centre should have a policy in place to allow the investigation of potential misuse of AI, so please make sure you are familiar with your own centre’s policy.

We have produced subject-specific guidance concerning the use of AI in the Independent Investigation and hope that this will be of use to teachers and students. You can find it via this [link](#).

This [link](#) will take you to the JCQ guidance and all relevant resources and will reassure you around guiding your students to avoid potential sanctions if any misuse of AI is identified at the moderation stage.

AS/A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSE

Following the success of last year’s Geography A/AS courses at Gwersyll yr Urdd, Glan-llyn the team at Glan-llyn are pleased to collaborate once again with the Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, Aberystwyth University to offer 2 courses in the Autumn term. The bilingual course will run between 20 and 22 October 2025.

Gwersyll yr Urdd, Glan-llyn will provide accommodation, food and arrange transport as well as manage bookings. All the geography elements will be presented by lecturers from Aberystwyth University’s Department of Geography under the leadership of Dr Hywel Griffiths.

Further details can be found on the landing page of our website or by contacting lilosjw@urdd.org.

EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2026

Next year’s examination timetable has now been finalised. The dates for the 2026 AS and A level Geography examinations are as follows:

WJEC AS level	
Unit 1	Tuesday 12 May (afternoon)
Unit 2	Wednesday 20 May (morning)

WJEC A level	
Unit 3	Thursday 21 May (afternoon)
Unit 4	Monday 8 June (afternoon)

BECOMING AN EXAMINER/MODERATOR 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 online. Please register your interest by contacting us via GCEGeography@wjec.co.uk.

GET IN TOUCH

If you have any queries, please contact us on GCEGeography@wjec.co.uk.

With our best wishes,

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