

GCE Geography bulletin, September 2021

Croeso 'nôl! Welcome back! I hope that you are well and were able to enjoy a restful break. This September bulletin lists some important information and resources developed by WJEC to support you with the delivery of our specifications this academic year. I hope that you are able to make use of these over the coming weeks and months.

SUMMER 2022 ADAPTATIONS

Please view our Summer 2022 Adaptations folder on our subject pages for all the information on adaptations to our assessments. This includes updates on changes made to our examinations and clarification on fieldwork requirements and the demands of the independent investigation. Please ensure that you read this documentation very carefully. All centres should be aware that the content of Unit 2: Changing Places has been streamlined and that all parts of the Changing Places AS level specification will not be subject to assessment in 2022.

INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION

Please note that students must still source their own primary and secondary data for 2022 submissions. It will not be permissible to complete an investigation based purely on secondary data. Where students are using unmanipulated raw data sets this should be supported by other primary data they have sourced. Where necessary, students may make use of technology to source primary data remotely. Useful tools could include:

- [Survey 123](#) can be used to collect primary data simply and safely using a mobile phone or tablet
- [Survey Monkey](#) can be used to create simple online surveys
- [Microsoft Forms](#) offers opportunities to create surveys and polls that can be linked directly to a QR code
- GeogIT fieldwork app – incorporates 35 different methods of data collection
- [Crowdsignal](#) – a simple tool to create online surveys and polls

Samples for moderation will need to be submitted to WJEC by **15th of May, 2022**.

NEW RESOURCES

- There is an array of new digital resources that can be used in the classroom or as part of a blended/flipped learning programme. These can be found on our [Digital Resources](#) page and include:
 - Unit 1: Coastal Landscapes
 - Unit 1: Glaciated Landscapes
 - Unit 2: Changing Places
 - Unit 2: Fieldwork Investigation in Physical and Human Geography
 - Unit 3: Water and Carbon Cycles
 - Unit 3: Global Governance
 - Unit 3: Approaching 21st Century Challenges
 - Unit 4: Tectonic Hazards
 - Unit 4: China: Economic Growth and Challenge
 - Unit 4: Weather and Climate
 - NEA Toolkit: Developing an effective sampling strategy
 - NEA Toolkit: The importance of evaluation
 - Interactive Resource: Developing More Effective Fieldwork Investigations
- Exam Walk-Throughs for all four examined units. These are recorded presentations containing hints and tips for your students on how to approach the examinations. Find them [here](#).

- Within the Summer 2022 Adaptations folder, student and teacher booklet on completing 'Fieldwork on your Doorstep' along with PP presentations on how students could approach quantitative and qualitative data collection safely within their local area.
- Useful resources supporting teaching and learning from the wider subject community include:
 - Online learning resource from GA. [Geography Education Online](#) supports GCSE and A level students
 - [Outreach fieldwork support for schools from FSC](#).

CYNEFIN MAGAZINE

We are currently compiling the third edition of 'Cynefin', our digital WJEC Geography magazine, and would welcome contributions from students and teachers. These could be articles on pedagogy, subject knowledge updates or reflections on how to tackle the coming year. We would also love to hear your thoughts on what you would like to see covered in our next issue. Please get in touch if you would like to get involved.

WJEC CPD DATES 2021-22

You can view a recording of our summer CPD event 'Return to fieldwork 2021-22' on our secure website by searching under Resources tab and selecting Subject Specific Support Material inc CPD & Exemplars. From the drop-down menus that appear, select 'Geography' and 'WJEC'. This free session held in June was presented by Bob Digby and offers helpful guidance and ideas on how to plan and approach fieldwork with your GCSE and/or AS and A level cohorts this year.

Our online CPD event in January will focus on assessment of the NEA and will benefit both new and experienced teachers who feel that they need further support with applying the mark scheme accurately. All details can be found on our Professional Learning web pages [here](#).

With my very best wishes for the coming year. 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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