



WJEC GCE AS/A level Geography - January 2019

Happy New Year! I hope you find this newsletter useful as you plan for the remainder of this academic year. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch!

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Independent Investigation Submissions

All four Awarding Organisations in England and Wales have worked together to produce a report that reflects on the best practice seen in 2018 as well as some of the most valuable lessons learnt. Please read this document carefully – it can be found on the open website stored under 'Related Documents' in the 'Independent Investigation Guidance' section.

You will be able to submit the marks awarded to each student for their A Level Independent Investigation via the secure website after March 10th 2019. All sample material and relevant paperwork will need to arrive with the moderator no later than 29th of March 2019.

Each investigation in the sample should be accompanied by the three sections of the Independent Investigation Form. These are available on the open website.

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

You will find further amplification of these instructions in the document 'Submitting the Independent Investigation' which is available on the open website under the 'Related Documents' tab on the homepage.

New Resources - CPD

On the open website homepage, under the 'Related Documents' tab you will find a 'Training Materials' heading. Here you will find all CPD material from the November meetings. Principal Moderator commentary to accompany the NEA exemplar section in the CPD pack is available on the secure website.

Online Exam Review

The [Online Exam Review](#) (OER) is a collection of interactive units that bring together a number of elements from the 2018 examination series. The site allows you to access general data concerning paper performance, exam questions, marking schemes and examiner comments and will lead you through a review of selected exam questions. To assist you in reflecting on last summer's examinations, files for Unit 3 and Unit 4 of the A level course are available to view. Please ensure that you read the instructions on the homepage and view the documents with Adobe Acrobat DC.

Digital Resources

Please join us at the Geographical Association Annual Conference held in Manchester between 9th and 11th 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.

The annual GA (Welsh Special Interest Group) Welsh Wise Quiz will be held in February. A fun Wales-themed Geography quiz for Year 9 pupils, it's a valuable opportunity to interact with other schools and promote Geography!

5/2/19 Castell Alun High School, Wrexham (16:30 – 18:30)

14/2/19 School of Geography and Planning, Cardiff University (16:30 – 18:30)

If you are interested in registering a team, please email gill.miller@chester.ac.uk

Another successful annual event is the A level Enrichment morning, taking place at Richard Gwyn Catholic High School in Flint on the 23rd of January, 2019 (10-13:00). If you can make the journey, it's always a very useful morning and creates a real buzz for the subject among those attending. The day, organised by Aberystwyth University, covers a range of A level related themes. Any centres interested in attending should email maw@aber.ac.uk

Next Newsletter

The next issue will be sent out at the beginning of the summer term. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please get in touch with me.

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