

GCSE Geology April 2019 Newsletter

Fieldwork Statements

Centres entering candidates for the GCSE qualification in Geology must submit their fieldwork statement that details the fieldwork carried out by learners from the centre in each assessment cycle. This is outlined in our GCSE specification.

Centres will be able to make their fieldwork statement by completing the form that will be available to download from the GCSE Geology subject page of the Eduqas website.

<https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/qualification-resources.html?subject=Geology&level=GCSE>

The fieldwork statement must be submitted to WJEC by **15th May**. Failure to provide a fieldwork statement will be treated as malpractice and/or maladministration by WJEC. The completed statement should be sent to the subject support officer for Geology at geology@eduqas.co.uk.

GCSE Component 1

GCSE Component 1 is an on-screen assessment consisting of data and stimulus response questions. Please note that although hard copy papers will be issued to centres, these are as a backup and should only be used in cases of any unforeseen technical issues on the day of the examination. It is expected that all candidates will take the on-screen assessment. Centres who have not previously registered for the on-screen assessment should do so by contacting the e-assessment team at WJEC by e mailing e-assessment@wjec.co.uk. Once registered centres will have access to details of the IT requirements to run the on-screen assessment and gain access to an on-screen mock examination.

GCSE Webinar – Approaches to teaching

A recorded webinar is now available for centres to access free of charge on the homepage of GCSE Geology on the Eduqas website. It can be accessed at https://varndean.adobeconnect.com/_a35016157/pjze75yph0hz/?proto=true.

It covers material related to:

A review of the two components

Resources for the teaching of 'Planetary Geology' and 'The Re-evaluation of Plate Tectonics'

QER question and how teachers can write their own

Geological map interpretation at GCSE

Eduqas resources for teaching GCSE Geology

Change to Guidance for Teaching document

There has been a change to hyperlinks in the Eduqas GCSE Geology Guidance for Teaching document. This relate to the research undertaken by Cardiff University on sea floor spreading.

The change is simply the replacement the 3 hyperlinks on page 22 with the hyperlink www.seafloorspreading.com .

Dates for your diary

- **CPD 2019**

Eduqas GCSE Geology CPD will be in the form of a live webinar on Wednesday 16th October 2019 from 4-6 pm.

- **ESTA Conference 2019**

This year's Earth Science Teachers Association Conference takes place at the University of Birmingham from Friday 27th to Sunday 29th September 2019. Eduqas will have a stand at the event throughout the weekend. It would be great to see you there.

Full details can be found on the conference website: <http://www.esta-uk.net/conference.htm>