

EDUQAS AS/A LEVEL GEOLOGY

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2024

Key Dates

	Date
AS Component 1	Monday 13 th May 2024
AS Component 2	Monday 20 th May 2024
A level Component 1	Tuesday 4 th June 2024
A level Component 2	Wednesday 12 th June 2024
A level Component 3	Monday 17 th June 2024
GCE results day	Thursday 15 th August 2024

Geology Component 1 Geological specimens

The geological specimens relating to the AS and A level Component 1 examinations will be dispatched to centres in the following weeks.

Examination	Date of arrival of materials in centres	Examination date
AS Component 1 (B480U10-1)	week commencing 15 th April 2024	Monday 13 th May 2023
A Level Component 1 (A480U10-1)	week commencing 13 th May 2024	Tuesday 4 th June 2023

The specimens should be checked on arrival, within the examinations office, by a geology teacher.

Principal Examiner Reports for summer 2023

Principal examiner reports are available for [AS Geology](#) / [A level Geology](#)

Materials from A level CPD

The recording of the October 2023 Online Professional Learning presentation 'Practical Endorsement Update' is on the Eduqas AS/A level Geology webpage under Training > On Demand Courses. [AS/A Level Geology training](#)

Materials from the November 2023 A level Online Professional Learning presentation 'Eduqas AL Geology Feedback on summer assessments Online CPD Material Autumn 2023' can be found on the WJEC secure website, using the Eduqas brand name in the CPD folder.

E mail contact

If you have subject specific enquiries then please make contact with the Geology team by using the e mail address geology@eduqas.co.uk. The Subject Support Officer for Geology is Eira Morgan.

Fieldwork Statements

Candidates entering the AS or A level examinations in summer 2024 and beyond, are required to have undertaken a minimum of 4 days in the field for the A level qualification, and 2 days for the AS qualification. The specification states that each centre must provide details of their fieldwork on a Fieldwork Statement.

Where centres are entering candidates for both AS and A level qualifications, **separate AS and A level Fieldwork Statements must be submitted each year**. These are both available on the Eduqas website at

[A level geology fieldwork statement](#)

[AS geology fieldwork statement](#)

They must be submitted using the e mail address geology@eduqas.co.uk by 15th May of the year in which those candidates will be sitting their examinations.

The Practical Endorsement

Intention to Enter (for centres new the Eduqas Geology)

In order for the awarding organisations to arrange monitoring visits it is a requirement that each centre informs the relevant awarding organisation that they are intending to teach their specification. All Eduqas A level Geology centres must have contacted matthew.roberts@eduqas.co.uk to register their intention to teach and enter candidates for the Eduqas specification. If you have not previously done this, perhaps because you have only embarked on teaching the Eduqas specification relatively recently, you must register with Matthew Roberts without delay.

Training

It is a requirement that the lead teacher in each centre following the WJEC Eduqas A level Geology specification has undergone some form of training. For lead teachers who have not yet undertaken face to face training or online training, (perhaps because you have only started teaching the Eduqas A level Geology specification since September 2023) it is imperative that you undergo online training by reading each of the Practical Endorsement training documents available at [Eduqas AS/A level Geology key documents](#)

If you are then unclear about any aspects regarding the practical endorsement, please e mail geology@eduqas.co.uk for further advice.