

## GCE Geography bulletin, January 2018

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

Each centre will be able to submit the marks awarded to each student for their A Level Independent Investigation via the secure website **after March 10<sup>th</sup> 2018**. The system will generate an automatic sample list of the investigations that should be sent to WJEC for moderation as well as the contact details of your designated moderator. All sample material and relevant paperwork will need to arrive with the moderator **no later than 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2018**.

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 now available on the open website under the 'Related Documents' tab on the homepage.

Bear in mind that there are two marked exemplar investigations available for you to view on the secure website. Both investigations come with a full moderator report and indication of levels awarded by our senior moderators based on the mark scheme. There is also an annotated exemplar of an investigation should you need further guidance on annotation.

You will need to click on the 'Resources' tab on the secure website to access these. Completing a search for Geography GCE Non-Examination Assessment Tasks (as seen below) will guide you to the relevant files.

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**GCE Geography NEA Exemplar (teaching from Sept 2016)**

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 <a href="#">Urban NEA Moderator Report.pdf</a>		Geography	GCE	
 <a href="#">Urban NEA Not Annotated.pdf</a>		Geography	GCE	
 <a href="#">C4-A-level-Independent-Investigation-Title-Advice-Form.docx</a>		Geography	GCE	
 <a href="#">Scree Slope NEA Annotated Exemplar.pdf</a>		Geography	GCE	

## NEW RESOURCES

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 September/October cycle as well as a new resource to help your department and your students with A Level Unit 4: Contemporary Themes in Geography. The PowerPoint gives some useful hints on how to structure an essay appropriately, according to the specific Assessment Objectives (AO). The accompanying zip file contains exemplars of past student work on Contemporary Themes. Each of the nine marked exemplar essays carries full examiner commentary relating to each of the three AOs assessed as part of this Unit.

All five **Student Guides** are now available for purchase through the Hodder website. These provide amplification of the content in the specification as well as an exemplar Q and A section.

A range of free digital resources are available on the [WJEC resources website](#). Please access the latest resources and download for use in your classrooms:

[Digital Resources to aid the teaching of Global Systems: Water and Carbon Cycles](#)

[Digital Resources to aid the teaching of Global Governance: Earth's Oceans](#)

[A student guide to the A level Independent Investigation \(RGS\)](#)

## JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

Our Facebook group continues to prove popular and is a place for teachers to share resources, advice, and subject-related news to help fellow group members. Set up during the last academic year, it now has over 400 active members, sharing ideas and resources.

A breakdown of some of the most useful and relevant links that have appeared on the website since September can be viewed on the open website in the 'Resources for Teachers' section under the 'Related Documents' tab on the homepage. [Join here](#).

## EXAMINER VACANCIES

We continue to recruit examiners and moderators in all of our subjects. If you are interested in examining for us please visit [the website](#) for further details and to apply.

## NEXT BULLETIN

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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