

GCSE Geography bulletin, Spring 2023

Croeso 'nôl! We hope that you have had a good break. This bulletin outlines some important information and resources developed by WJEC to support you with the delivery of our specifications this academic year. We hope that you can make use of these to assist your students in the build up to the examinations.

SUMMER EXAMINATIONS 2023

Unit 1 Changing Physical and Human Landscapes 1hr 30m	22 May 2023 (pm)
Unit 2 Environmental and Development Issues 1hr 30m	09 June 2023 (am)

ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR WJEC GCSE EXAMINATIONS 2023

[Advance information](#) for Unit 1 and Unit 2 has been published. It is intended to support revision for learners. Advance information communicates, ahead of the examinations, the focus of the content of the assessments or part of the assessments that will be assessed in some (or all) of the written examinations for each qualification.

UNIT 3 FIELDWORK ENQUIRY (NEA) UPDATE

Feedback from centres over the last few years has noted the challenge and demand of undertaking two field work experiences for assessment on Unit 3. However, the qualification does not require that both fieldwork experiences have to be assessed as part of Unit 3.

If a centre wishes, they could focus on one fieldwork experience for learners to use for the Unit 3 NEA. The fieldwork experience would have to cover both the methodological approach and the conceptual framework for that series. Please read the [Fieldwork Update and Guidance for Teaching 2024 onwards](#) on the website.



[Geography 2024.](#)

To support this the methodological approach and conceptual framework for the series 2024 to 2026 have been selected so that teachers can provide fieldwork experiences that use both in a meaningful investigation. Some fieldwork guidance is available on the website to support planning of investigations – [Possible Fieldwork Tasks for WJEC GCSE](#)

Two fieldwork experiences must still be completed over the duration of the course. The second fieldwork experience could be used to further compliment the teaching of the specification and could be undertaken at any time during the GCSE course.

INTRODUCING YOUR NEW SUBJECT OFFICER

I'm Rob Pengelly, Head of Geography at Welshpool High School in Mid-Wales since 2005, along with more recently Head of Humanities, Head of Sixth Form and D of E Lead. I taught Geography for 4 years at Bexley Grammar School in London before that after qualifying with a PGCE in Geography from the University of Nottingham in 2001.

I've worked as a Geography Lead Practitioner for ERW with colleagues from Mid and South-West Wales and am on the Geographical Association Wales Special Interest Group with colleagues from across Wales. I've been part of the Powys Head of Geography network and, more recently, Humanities AoLE Lead professional network. I have also marked at AS Level and been part of national GCSE Geography focus groups.



I love riding my road and mountain bikes and walking in the great outdoors in my spare time, along with playing cricket and keeping fit. I am very much looking forward to taking on the Subject Officer role and leading GCSE Geography forwards.

GCSE RESOURCES

Visit the [Digital Resources website](#) to access a variety of resources that can be used to support learning and teaching of GCSE Geography in the classroom or as part of a blended/flipped learning programme.

Popular examples:

- Accuracy, reliability, and validity in fieldwork
- Developing More Effective Fieldwork Investigations
- Weather and Climate: A teachers guide
- Blended learning modules
- Knowledge Organisers

The Geographical Association have also produced some [new resources on flooding](#).

All the best with the teaching and best wishes to learners sitting exams in the summer. 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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