

## GCSE Geography Newsletter, September 2022

Croeso 'nô! Welcome back! We hope that you had a relaxing summer break and that you had opportunity to spend some time doing the things you love. This bulletin provides some important information and resources developed by WJEC to support you with the delivery of the specification for this academic year. I hope that you find these useful to support your teaching, departmental teams and most importantly your learners.

### TEACHING FOR ASSESSMENT IN SUMMER 2023

The full specification should be taught for all learners. There are no adaptations. However, in a letter to schools in the summer term, Qualifications Wales stated that advanced information would be provided to learners to support their preparation and revision for examinations. This will be released in the spring term 2023.

### UNIT 3 NEA and FIELDWORK

Learners should undertake **two** fieldwork investigations in contrasting locations.

For the 2023 series (assessed in autumn 2022) learners should focus on the methodological approach (transects) **and** the conceptual framework (inequalities). Learners should complete their portfolio of work by 31 October 2022. This must then be stored securely and made available to learners only when they sit the assessment. The assessment must be taken over 2 hours and 30 minutes between 1 November 2022 and 31 December 2022.

### WJEC PROFESSIONAL LEARNING 2022-23

We are pleased to be able to face-to-face professional learning again this autumn. The focus will be on *Assessment and Classroom Practice*. The aim of the session is to review the recent summer assessment series, exploring examples of marked candidates work. The feedback will help inform, develop, and improve learning and teaching. A digital pack of materials which you can share with colleagues will also be provided.

There will also be an online session offered that will be a condensed version of the face-to-face session.

16 November 2022 [Cardiff](#)

23 November 2022 [Llandudno](#)

30 November 2022 [Online - English medium](#)

07 December 2022 [Online - Welsh medium](#)

### 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

## CYNEFIN MAGAZINE

Unfortunately, the third edition of '[Cynefin](#)', our digital WJEC Geography magazine has been delayed. However, we still aim to produce this and would welcome contributions from students and teachers (GCSE and GCE). These could be articles on pedagogy, subject knowledge updates or reflections on how to tackle the coming year. We would also love to hear your thoughts on what you would like to see covered in our next issue. Please get in touch if you would like to get involved.

All the best with the teaching for the coming year. 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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