

GCSE Geography bulletin, September 2021

Croeso 'nô! Welcome back! I trust that your summer break was restful and hope you had opportunity to take a 'staycation'. This bulletin provides some important information and resources developed by WJEC to support you with the delivery of the specification this academic year. I hope that you find these useful to support your teaching, departmental teams and most importantly your learners.

ADAPTATIONS FOR ASSESSMENTS AWARDED IN 2022

Please view our [Summer 2022 Adaptations](#) folder on our subject pages for all the information on adaptations to our assessments. This includes updates on changes made to our examinations and clarification on fieldwork requirements and the changes to the NEA. Please ensure that you read this documentation very carefully. All centres should be aware that the content of both Unit 1 and Unit 2 has been streamlined.

UNIT 3 NEA

Learners will undertake **one** fieldwork investigation. This investigation should focus on the methodological approach (change over time) **and/or** the conceptual framework (sustainability).

Additional support was provided in the **Return to Fieldwork 2021-22** CPD in June. To access this material a log in is required on the [secure website](#). Once logged on go to the Resources tab and select Subject Specific Support Material inc CPD & Exemplars. From the drop-down menus that appear, select 'Geography' and 'WJEC'.

NEW RESOURCES

- There are plenty of new digital resources that can be used in the classroom or as part of a blended/flipped learning programme. These can be found on our [Digital Resources](#) page and include:

Fieldwork

Accuracy, reliability and validity in fieldwork
Developing More Effective Fieldwork Investigations
Return to Fieldwork 2021-22 (see above)

Weather and Climate: A teachers guide

Latest blended learning modules

Key Idea 5.1: Causes of climate change
Key Idea 5.3: Processes and interactions within ecosystems
Key Idea 6.4: Regional economic development
Key Idea 7.2: Contemporary Issues (social development)
Key Idea 8.1: Consumerism and its impact on the environment
Key Idea 8.2: Management of ecosystems

Useful resources supporting teaching and learning from the wider subject community include:

- Online learning resource from GA. [Geography Education Online](#) supports GCSE and A level students
- [Outreach fieldwork support for schools from FSC](#).

CYNEFIN MAGAZINE

We are currently compiling the third edition of 'Cynefin', our digital WJEC Geography magazine, and would welcome contributions from students and teachers. 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.

WJEC CPD DATES 2021-22

Our online CPD event will be on 'Getting Started with WJEC GCSE Geography'. It is aimed to support new subject leaders, teachers and NQTs. However, if you would like a refresher of the qualification and how it is assessed then please sign up as it will also benefit experienced teachers who feel that they need further support with applying mark schemes effectively. All details can be found on our Professional Learning web pages [here](#).

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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