

## Geography AS/A level bulletin, September 2020

I hope that you and your students are all well in these particularly challenging circumstances. This additional September bulletin lists some important information and resources developed by WJEC to support you with the delivery of our specifications this academic year. I hope that you are able to make use of these over the coming weeks and months.

### SUMMER 2021 ADAPTATIONS

Please view our Summer 2021 Adaptations folder on our subject pages for all the information on adaptations to our assessments. Updates on changes made to our examinations and clarification on fieldwork requirements and the demands of the independent investigation can be found in this folder. Find it by clicking [here](#). Please note that any adaptations detailed in these documents apply to the 2021 examination series only.

### INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION (NEA) FEEDBACK

Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay in returning the 2020 samples to you as a result of our offices being closed since March. Returns are now being processed and will be with you very shortly.

Although we cannot provide individual centre feedback, our moderation teams have selected two examples of the work seen in 2020. Both these investigations (and a full moderator report on each) have been uploaded to the secure website.

Please note that students must still source their own primary and secondary data for 2021 submissions. It will not be permissible to complete an investigation based purely on secondary data. Where students are using unmanipulated raw data sets this should be supported by other primary data they have sourced. Where necessary, students may make use of technology to source primary data remotely. Useful tools could include:

- [Survey 123](#) can be used to collect primary data simply and safely using a mobile phone or tablet
- [Survey Monkey](#) can be used to create simple online surveys
- Microsoft Forms offers opportunities to create surveys and polls that can be linked directly to a QR code
- GeogIT fieldwork app – incorporates 35 different methods of data collection
- [Crowdsignal](#) – a simple tool to create online surveys and polls.

Samples for moderation will need to be submitted to WJEC by **15<sup>th</sup> of May, 2021**.

### NEW RESOURCES

- [Webinar](#) to consider the impact of COVID-19 on places and how the pandemic and lockdown may provide opportunities for the teaching of 'Changing Places'.
- New digital resource to assist your students develop their AO2 skills. This comprehensive resource contains a number of tasks that you may wish to set your students. Find it [here](#).
- Further NEA exemplars placed on the secure website.
- [Exam Walk-Through for Component 3](#) – recorded presentation containing hints and tips for your students on how to approach this exam.

- Within the Summer 2021 Adaptations folder, student and teacher booklet on completing 'Fieldwork on your Doorstep' along with PP presentations on how students could approach quantitative and qualitative data collection safely within their local area.
- Useful resources supporting teaching and learning from the wider subject community include:
  - New online learning resource from GA. [Geography Education Online](#) supports GCSE and A level students
  - [Outreach fieldwork support for schools from FSC.](#)

## EDUQAS CPD DATES 2020

Our online CPD event this autumn will focus on fieldwork. This is in conjunction with a new online resource that we are developing to support students and teachers through the process of developing effective enquiry titles. Please join us if you can. All details can be found on our website [here](#).

With my very best wishes. Stay safe and well. Pob dymuniad da.

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