

AS/A level Geography bulletin, September 2017

Welcome back. We hope you had a good summer and are returning refreshed – and a special welcome to centres and teachers joining us this September for the first time. I hope you find this newsletter useful in planning for the year ahead. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch!

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Summer 2017 examinations

The first examinations for the reformed AS level Geography were sat this summer, and results published in August. The papers and mark schemes are now available to view on our [secure website](#). If you don't have access to the relevant pages, please contact your exams officer.

Remember that 21 September is the last date for receipt of enquiries about result and 28 September the deadline for the request of electronic copies of scripts for teaching and learning purposes. Please see our [website](#) for more details.

Summer 2017 also marked the last full sitting of the legacy A level Geography qualifications. 2018 legacy papers will be available for re-sit candidates only. Please visit our [website](#) to view our specification. Any student re-sitting the G3b component will need to consult the list of Topics and Titles for 2018 now available on the website.

Analysing candidates' results

WJEC Eduqas offers two services to help you understand your students' results and develop their exam skills: Exam Results Analysis and Online Exam Review.

Exam Results Analysis on the [secure website](#) allows you to compare your students' performance on each question with that of the candidature overall, letting you see where they have done well and where there might be room for improvement.

Online Exam Review provides a number of marked exemplars of candidate responses to key questions in an interactive format. These allow students to mark others' work and

discuss ways in which it may be improved, thus developing their own skills. Exemplars from the summer examinations will be uploaded to the OER site this month so keep checking.

Principal Examiners' reports

The principal examiners' reports for GCE AS Geography providing feedback on the Summer 2017 series are now available on the [website subject page](#). You are advised to read them carefully as they provide helpful observations and commentary on candidates' work this series.

New resources

A wide range of free digital resources are available on the [Eduqas resources website](#). Items recently added include:

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

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

A series of PowerPoints to guide you through Water and Carbon Cycles content will follow very shortly so keep checking the site for updates.

Join our Facebook group

Our Facebook group 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 340 active members, sharing ideas and resources. I have compiled a breakdown of some of the most useful and relevant links to resources and articles posted and arranged them according to Component in a Word Document. You can access this document on the open website. So even if you are not a facebook member you can benefit from the group's ideas. Thanks to all who take time to post and to share the fruits of their hard work! [Join here](#).

CPD autumn 2017

WJEC Eduqas is providing support for AS and A level Geography this autumn with **Approaches to Teaching and Assessing new A level** events – reviewing this summer's assessment and preparing for the year ahead.

We are offering the following courses:

20-09-2017 - Exeter

21-09-2017 - London

02-10-2017 - York

03-10-2017 - Derby

All CPD materials will be available to view on the open website as soon as the cycle finishes in early October. To book your place or learn more, visit the [training pages](#) on the Eduqas website.

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.

Examining and moderating offer a unique opportunity to gain a greater understanding of your subject area. The work can be done in your own time alongside your current teaching position.

Where there are no vacancies, your application will be kept and referred to as and when vacancies occur.

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The next issue will be sent out after Christmas. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please get in touch with me.

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