

Eduqas Geography

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1. GCSE (9-1) Geography

What's new?

During the summer term WJEC/Eduqas continued to develop teacher resources for the website.

We have added presentations to our website for the following:

- [Approaches to fieldwork](#)
- [Guidance on the use of transects](#)
- [Planning for fieldwork](#)
- [Spheres of influence](#)

We have also added to our growing list of [PLCs](#) for GCSE Geography A and a list of [PLCs](#) GCSE Geography B to our website.

We are also working on some additional questions that are written in a similar style to the SAMs. These will include a complete Component 3 paper on transects and spheres of influence. This should be available to download from the website later this term.

All of our news resources are available on our [GCSE \(9-1\) Geography A](#) and [GCSE \(9-1\) Geography B](#) qualification pages

Dates for your diary

The Summer 2017 examinations timetable has now been finalised. The key dates are now available on the WJEC website.

[View Key Dates](#)

March 2017: Events in Cardiff, London and Manchester led by Bob Digby and Margaret Roberts. Dates of these events to be confirmed shortly. These will focus on:

- Developing independent thought (through enquiry)
- Skills needed to analyse and interpret qualitative and quantitative data and the reasoning required to use it as evidence.

Thursday 20th to Saturday 22nd April 2017 WJEC/Eduqas is sponsoring the GA conference in Guildford.

CPD Courses

We are holding a series of training courses during October and November 2016 to assist teachers in the delivery of our GCSE (9-1) Geography A and B qualifications. These courses will be led by the Subject Officer, Andy Owen, and a team of experienced senior examiners who were involved in the development of these qualifications. Our agenda will cover the following issues:

- AfL/formative assessment and reporting progress on 9-1 grades
- Strategies for extended writing that will encourage stretch and challenge in the most able whilst supporting less confident writers
- Creating a programme of study for the fieldwork enquiries

There will also be opportunities to view new web resources, ask questions of subject experts and share experiences with other Eduqas GCSE (9-1) Geography teachers.

The dates for the CPD meetings are as follows:

18 October 2016 – London – [Book Now](#)
19 October 2016 – Winchester – [Book Now](#)
20 October 2016 – Bristol – [Book Now](#)
31 October 2016 – Manchester – [Book Now](#)
1 November 2016 – Derby – [Book Now](#)
2 November 2016 – Birmingham – [Book Now](#)
9 November 2016 – York – [Book Now](#)
10 November 2016 – Durham – [Book Now](#)
15 November 2016 – Plymouth – [Book Now](#)
22 November 2016 – Cambridge – [Book Now](#)

[Book your place](#)

If any course dates have closed for online bookings or are fully booked, please email our dedicated CPD team at cpd@eduqas.co.uk for assistance.

Resources

A new pack of free digital resources is now available to download from the Eduqas resources website. Other new resources are currently being developed on savanna ecosystems. These will be available later this term.

[Download Digital Resources](#)

[Download All GCSE Geography A Course Materials](#)

[Download All GCSE Geography B Course Materials](#)

GCSE Geography Teacher ShareSpace

Teachers who want to share teaching and learning resources can now do so on the [Hightail website](#). The site already has a limited number of resources available on it. I would encourage all Eduqas geography teachers to share their lesson plans; homework, starter and plenary

activities; schemes of work and fieldwork planning guidance sheets on this site.
The more teachers who share their resources, the more useful the site will become

2. AS and A level Geography

What's new?

Both AS/A-level Student Guides on Changing Places and Changing Landscapes / Tectonic Hazards will be published on the 25th of November. These comprehensive guides will help students identify what they need to know and contain clear topic summaries with sample questions and answers to help students improve their exam technique and achieve their best.

We are currently working on a comprehensive list of FAQs linked to the new specification. These will be published on the website next month. Details will also follow regarding a file sharing portal to allow teachers to share and discuss resources and lesson plans relating to the new specification.

Dates for your diary

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[View Key Dates](#)

CPD Courses

Our CPD events are being held across the country in late November and early December. The main focus will be guidance on planning and supporting fieldwork at AS and how to support your students through the NEA at A-Level. Nigel Lord, Eduqas Principal Examiner for Component 4 will be there to answer your queries. Coinciding with the publication of the Student Guides Dr Simon Oakes, Principal Examiner for Component 2, will give guidance on 'Changing Places' and delivering the new human geography elements of the specification.

Also available at the events will be further exemplar questions from Component 1 and 2 for you examine and discuss. There will be examples of marked students' work enabling you to gain further understanding of the assessment process.

The dates for the CPD meetings are as follows:

23 November 2016 - Exeter - [Book Now](#)

24 November 2016 – London – [Book Now](#)

30 November 2016 – York – [Book Now](#)

1 December 2016 – Derby – [Book Now](#)

[Book Your Place](#)

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Resources

We are continually developing a wide range of resources to support you in the delivery of our qualifications.

[Download Digital Resources](#)

[Download All Course Materials](#)

Why not bookmark our [qualifications page](#) to keep up to date with new resources?

3. Examiner and Moderator 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 are [rewarding careers](#) offering a unique opportunity to gain a greater understanding of your subject area. The work is flexible and 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.

4. Secure Website

The WJEC [Secure Website](#) provides access to a range of resources including circulars, past papers and marking schemes. The [Secure Website](#) can be accessed by authorised staff at centres that work with WJEC Eduqas. If your centre is not registered, please ask your exam officer to email securewebsite@wjec.co.uk stating centre number, centre name, contact name and contact email address. Your exam officer can give you access to the secure website.

5. Email Updates

Encourage your colleagues to receive Geography updates and be kept informed of developments and important information. Please visit our [website](#) to subscribe.

6. Useful Contacts

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our dedicated team.

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