

Support highlights

We know teaching has been greatly disrupted in 2020, so to support you we've collated some of our most useful resources, these can be found below. This includes resources to help you and your students understand and prepare for the assessments in 2021. There are new resources to support you in teaching geographical skills, including student activities which can be embedded in schemes of work. Many more resources are available from the OCR website.

Strategies to support students in tackling level marked questions

[Download the resource from OCR Interchange](#)

This resource has been developed by a teacher to help prepare your students to answer level marked questions in exams. The level marked questions can be 6, 8 or 12 marks. The resource explores strategies that can be used in class to help students breakdown exam questions, so they understand what it is they are being asked to do. It also explains how students can build their answers, so they are answering the question and including the relevant level of detail.

Embedding Geographical Skills Activities

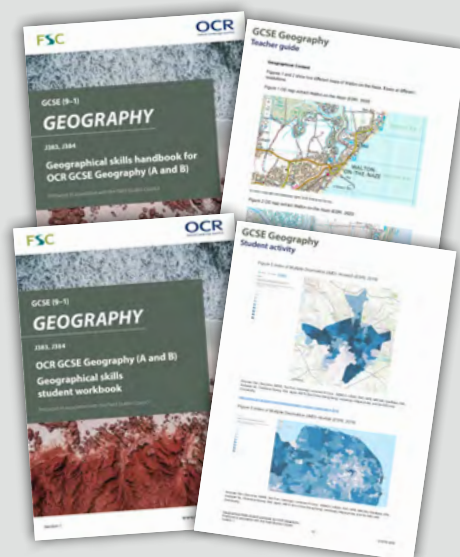
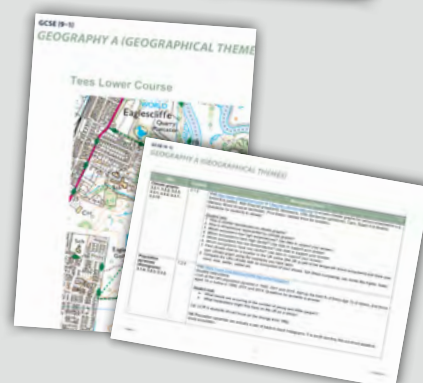
Download the [activities resource](#) and the [OS maps activity](#)

This scheme of work style resource takes all the geographical skills listed in the specification and suggests a variety of student activities which could be embedded in your lessons as you teach each theme. These activities encourage students to engage with lots of different resources to support them in developing their geographical skills. In seeing, using, interpreting and analysing a variety of resources through these activities your students will be supported and more fully prepared for the resource booklet in the exam.

This resource provides lots of links to data banks, maps and graphs which can be used more widely in teaching and learning, for example to develop homework or short starter activities.

Geographical skills teacher guide and student workbook

This guide has been developed in association with the Field Studies Council to support specialist and non-specialist teachers with the delivery of geographical skills. The geography specifications list a variety of geographical skills including cartographic, graphical, numerical and statistical skills that students need for the practice of geography, they could also be included in the assessments. The [Teacher guide](#) explains each geographical skill with lots of exemplification and there are a wide range of [activities for students](#) to work through and practice these skills.



You may also like

Interactive resources

[Geographical Skills: Graphs and Charts](#). This resource explains and has examples of all the graphs and charts listed in the Geographical Skills section of the specification (p13).

[Geographical Skills: Maps to be studied](#). This resource explains and has examples of all the maps listed in the Geographical Skills section of the specification (p13).

Supporting the delivery of geographical skills

This resource outlines some [top tips and activities](#) to prepare students for the assessment of geographical skills.

GCSE Geography Command Words

This resource [defines the words used in assessments](#) and explores how they are linked to assessment objectives and question tariffs.

Explaining the GCSE geography explain questions

This resource [explores the requirements of explain questions](#) to support teachers in preparing their students for assessments.

Assessment materials

Access past papers, mark schemes and examiners' reports from the [OCR website](#).

Professional development

Returning to school in September 2020: GCSE Geography

This online Q&A will highlight the specific support available, including any resources that could be particularly helpful for the new Year 11 cohorts. The webinar will also cover any changes to the specification as a result of the Ofqual consultation.

First Teaching: Everything you Need to Know to Get Started with GCSE (9-1) Geography A J383

This webinar explores the specification, assessments and assessment support resources.

Understanding the delivery and assessment of GCSE Geography (A&B) fieldwork

This training event will explore ideas for delivering human and physical fieldwork and opportunities for embedding fieldwork skills into teaching. We will unpack the questions in the assessments and how to prepare students.

Ask the Subject Advisor: GCSE (9-1) Geography A (J383) and B (J384)

This interactive webinar shares the latest updates about the qualification, with lots of opportunity to ask questions related to the specification and / or assessments.

Understanding Assessment: How to prepare your students for the GCSE Geography (A&B) assessments in 2021

This interactive course aims to support you in preparing students with ideas for revision and exam preparation, decoding questions and how to structure answers.

Find an event

See our range of professional development courses using the '[Find an event](#)' search tool.

We're now running all our CPD training online rather than face-to-face. Future courses will be in the form of a webinar, offering the same high-quality training as our face-to-face training. If you have any questions, please email professionaldevelopment@ocr.org.uk



Publisher materials

Hodder Education

[Wide World Magazine](#). Up-to-date and relevant case studies, exam advice, and support to develop students' geographical skills. Subscriptions options are available.

[Geographical and Fieldwork skills book](#). This book explains the skills listed in the specification and the activities support student's practice of these. £14.99 each with a free elnspection copy available.

[My revision notes OCR GCSE \(A\)](#). Key content covered with revision tips and student activities. £9.99 each with a free elnspection copy available.

Geographical Association

[GCSE Geography Teachers Toolkit](#). These booklets cover a range of topics and they have fully resourced lesson plans. £21.99 each, with a reduced price for GA members.

Other resources

Geographical Association

[Geographical Association](#) teaching and learning resources aimed at both teachers and students, these cover a wide variety of relevant topics with lots of ideas and activities included.

National Geographic

[National Geographic – Learn at Home](#). This website has an amazing range of resources, with planned units, ideas, activities and interactive elements. This could enrich your classroom through the international examples and offer students some exciting home / independent learning.

BBC Bitesize

[BBC bitesize](#) features a dedicated section of support for the OCR GCSE (9-1). Case studies, video clips and student quizzes make this content engaging.

Pumpkin

[Pumpkin Interactive](#) 30-minute videos on a variety of topics, alongside teacher notes and activities.

Keep connected

Creative case studies

This [Geographical Association workshop](#) explored ideas for teaching 'Ways of Life in a City' and 'Contemporary Challenges' based on a case study of Liverpool. The resources included in this blog are presented using an ArcGIS Storymap.

Breaking down geographical barriers

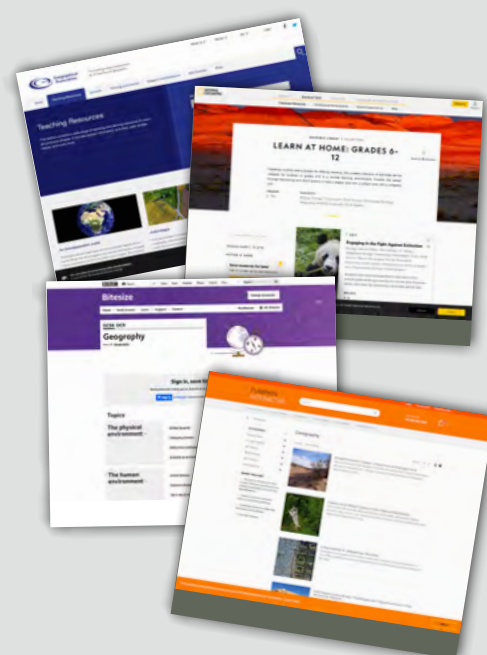
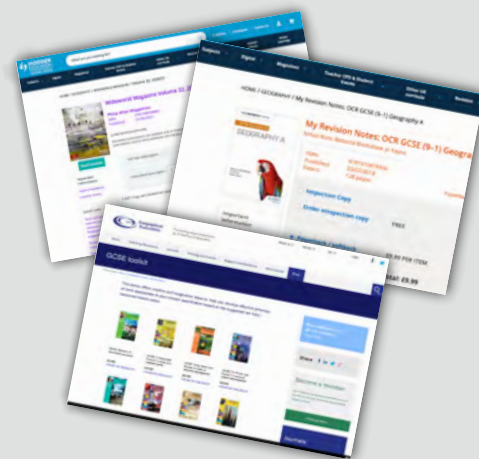
This [blog shares teaching ideas and resources](#) to support you in preparing students for assessments. It focuses on techniques to break down exam questions and how students can structure their answers.

Geography - Digital resources and remote learning for GCSE and A Level

This [blog explains the teaching and assessment support resources](#) we have available to help you and your students, as well as links to relevant subject community resources.

Lessons from the exam season: conquering the case study

In this [article posted by Discover the World Education](#), Jo Coles shares her reflections from teaching OCR GCSE B and ideas for preparing students to answer case study questions.



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