

Support highlights

We know teaching has been greatly disrupted in 2020, so to support you we've collated together some of our most useful resources below. This includes resources to support you with the planning and delivery of geographical skills, fieldwork and the Independent Investigation. We have shared Professional Development materials and assessment resources to help you in preparing students for the 2021 exams. Many more resources are available from the [OCR website](#).

Student resources – Independent Investigation infographics

[Download the infographics](#)

Following teacher feedback about the A Level Geography Independent Investigation we've developed resources to support students working independently over the summer and throughout the next academic year (2020-2021). We have produced infographics and resources to support your students with planning and undertaking their non-exam assessment (NEA) Independent Investigation. These infographics provide guidance and further resource links, covering the following areas:

- Developing a title
- Writing a proposal form
- Undertaking research and a literature review
- Designing a methodology

Geographical skills teacher guide, student workbook and PowerPoint teaching materials

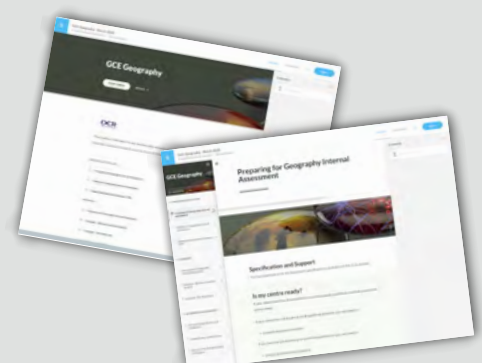
This [teacher guide](#) has been written to support you in delivering a wide range of geographical skills listed in the specification. Teacher feedback has indicated the need for more support with quantitative skills and the qualitative skill of coding, these have been included in this guide. The [PowerPoints](#) which have been produced alongside this guide, mean that you can use these as teaching materials in lessons with your students. There are lots of student activities included in the [student workbook](#) so they can practice the geographical skills. These activities have been set in the context of topic content so you can embed them in your teaching. The teacher guide contains answers to all the student activities including a breakdown of all calculations which are worked through and explained.

Available September 2020

A Level Geography non exam assessment e-learning resource

[Log in to the e-learning service](#)

We have developed a free pilot e-learning course to support you with the non exam assessment in A Level geography. It has been written to help you build confidence in delivering, marking and administering this internal assessment. As an interactive course you can work through marking exercises using candidate exemplars and see how your marking aligns with the Senior Moderator comments included in this resource.



You may also like

Independent Investigation candidate exemplars for 2018 and 2019

A range of A Level topics are covered by the [2018 and 2019 candidate exemplars](#). We hope that you and your students find the Senior Moderator commentary included at the start of each investigation helpful. These commentaries highlight good practice by students and opportunities for improvement. They can also be used during internal moderation to understand how marks have been awarded and the standard set.

Ask the team leader: Understanding assessment of the Independent Investigation (Online Q&A)

[The materials from this webinar can be downloaded for free](#). These included reflections on the summer series (2019) moderation, highlighting areas of good practice as well as potential areas to improve.

'Exploring the 'recipe' for success with titles for the Independent Investigation.

We sponsored a [workshop at the Geographical Association e-conference](#), this April (2020) which focused on how to support students with their NEA titles. The presenter is an experienced geographer and she explored the ingredients for successful questions and how to get students started and developing their ideas.

Understanding the Assessment: Exam Feedback for A Level Geography H481

[The materials from this course can be downloaded](#). Exam feedback included components 01 (Physical systems), 02 (Human Interactions) and 03 (Geographical Debates) for the summer series 2019. The feedback identified what examiners were looking for as well as good practice by candidates.

Exploring higher-order thinking skills in A Level Geography

This [interactive session at the Geographical Association conference](#), discussed techniques to develop higher-order thinking skills within the context of case studies, fieldwork and extended writing. The main aim of the session was to support teachers in developing their student's independence, in preparation for higher education and employment.

Assessment materials

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

Professional development

Returning to school in September 2020: AS and A Level Geography

This online Q&A will highlight the specific support available, including any resources that could be particularly helpful for the new Year 13 cohorts. The webinar will also cover any changes to the specification as a result of the Ofqual consultation.

Ask the Subject Advisor: A Level Geography (H481)

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

Ask the Subject Advisor: A Level Geography Independent Investigation Clinic

These are a series of online webinar, Q&A sessions which discuss some of the challenging areas of the NEA for students such as devising a title, writing a literature review or presenting and analysing data.

Understanding the Assessment: How to Explore Question Development and Marking for A Level Geography H481

This training comprises of interactive workshops focusing on how exam questions are developed and examiner marking techniques. Candidate exemplars will be used to understand and apply the marking criteria, exploring a variety of question styles including synoptic and essay questions



Understanding Assessment: How to prepare your students for the A Level Geography assessment in 2021

This is a series of three webinars, one for each examined component. The aim is to support you in preparing your students, we will do this by sharing exam hints and tips for example decoding questions and how to structure answers.

Find an event

All of these CPD events will be available as part of our 2020-2021 programme. Details for booking will be coming soon. 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

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

[My revision notes OCR AS/A Level](#). Key specification content covered with revision tips and student activities. £16.99 each with a free eInspection copy available.

[Student guides](#) cover a variety of topics. There include concise topic summaries, assessment tips and questions to check students' knowledge.

Geographical Association

[Top Spec geography series](#). This series of booklets cover a range of AS / A Level topics in detail with supplementary materials and resources. These are ideal for students to read around the subject and support them working independently. £26.99 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.

Field Studies Council (FSC)

The FSC have developed some new [resources and excellent videos](#) which share their fieldwork expertise. The aim of the videos is to help students develop their skills and prepare them to tackle the Independent Investigations. The student videos focus on Interpreting the Landscape, Physical Geoskills and Human Geoskills.

[#Fieldworklive](#) brought virtual fieldwork from the FSC's centres and tutors to hundreds of thousands of students during the period of school closures. There are lessons with accompanying resources available for KS5 but don't forget to check out some of the KS4 materials too.

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.



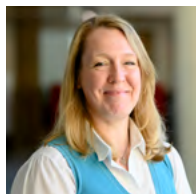


Keep connected

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.

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