

## Support highlights

We've collated links to some of our core resources into this one-stop guide. These highlighted resources will enable you to get up to speed quickly in the classroom and support your students in preparing for assessment. They include materials that will focus your teaching on individual abilities of students, help determine their capabilities and above all save you time. 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. 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
- Ideas for presenting data
- Exploring analysis techniques

## 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.

## 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](#), (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

We have a range of professional development opportunities on offer for A Level geography teachers. We want to support you in understanding the qualification and assessments in more depth. Marking of assessments and preparing your students for forthcoming examinations.

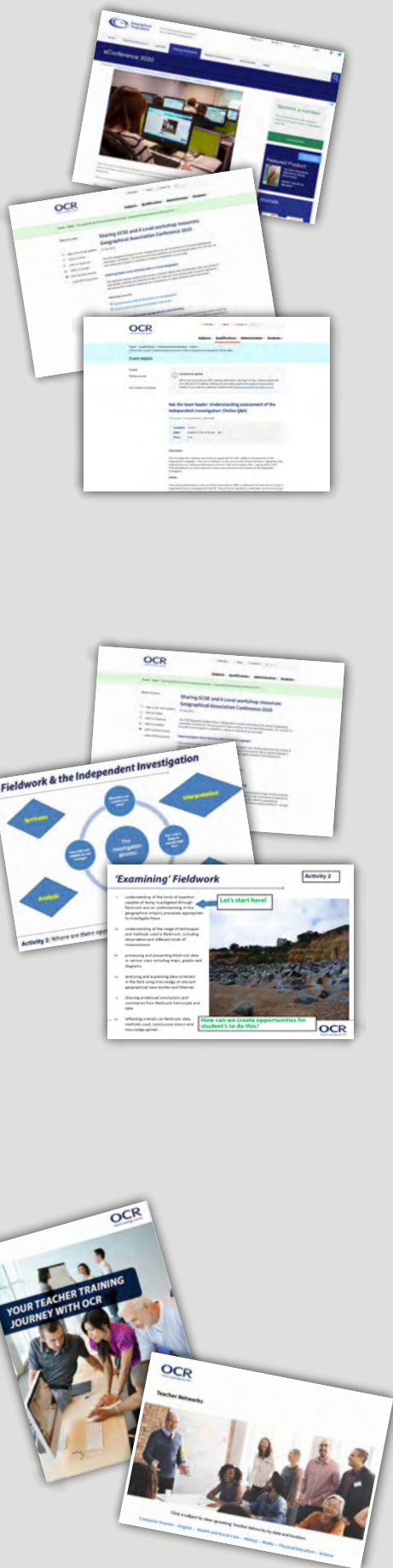
We also offer specific support for the Independent Investigation which includes marking and moderation and webinars based on different sections of the marking criteria.

Throughout the academic year there are question and answer sessions available with our Geography Subject Advisor and Senior Assessors, this is a great opportunity to discuss any questions you might have regarding the specification, assessment, fieldwork, resources, marking and moderation.

### 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](mailto: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 inspection 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.

### Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)

The RGS have resources to support teaching and learning at KS5, as well as, fieldwork materials, lectures, professional development and much [more](#). The organisation supports both teachers and students.

### 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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