

# GCSE Geography support and guidance for 2022 examination only

**AQA, Pearson Edexcel, Eduqas and OCR have worked together to provide guidance about fieldwork and to highlight support available.**

## **What has changed for the 2022 examination?**

- There is no requirement for centres to provide a written declaration that students have been given the opportunity to undertake two fieldwork occasions.
- There will be no examination questions directly relating to candidates own fieldwork. There will be questions associated with an unfamiliar fieldwork context.

## **What has stayed the same?**

- There will still be questions relating to 'unfamiliar' fieldwork from both physical and human environments which will assume that candidates are acquainted with the enquiry process.
- The subject content in the specification and the examination of this content i.e. students will need to cover the relevant topics, geographical skills checklist, as well as understand the enquiry process.

## **What does this mean for teachers and students?**

- Each Awarding Organisation will notify teachers of the specific changes to their GCSE examinations.
- Teachers need to prepare students to answer questions on 'unfamiliar' fieldwork. These questions are already on the examination papers from previous years.
- We encourage centres to engage with fieldwork activities wherever possible and if it is in line with local or national Covid-19 guidance.
- Teachers will need to provide students with the opportunity to understand the enquiry process in order to answer questions in the exam with an unfamiliar fieldwork context.
- Due to the disruption to learning experienced in the last year, it is acceptable to achieve this through fieldwork carried out in the school grounds, local area or through virtual fieldwork or classroom activities whilst teaching content from the specification.
- 'Local' might be in terms of the school or the students' homes.

## **What do we mean by virtual / remote fieldwork?**

Virtual fieldwork provides an opportunity for geographical enquiry and the use of fieldwork skills without having to visit a location.

The enquiry process can be followed, which could include the collection of data, images and the development of a sense of place. For example, this can take place through the use of media, photographs, interviews and recordings and through online platforms such as Google Maps, Google Street View and OS maps.

Each awarding organisation will offer additional support, guidance and resources on their respective websites.

### **Subject Community Support**

Links and resources to support the teaching of fieldwork inside and outside the classroom.

#### **Geographical Association**

- [Virtual fieldwork overview](#)
- [Geographical enquiry in the classroom](#)
- [Geography Education Online \(GEO\)](#)
- [Enquiry question generator](#)
- [Critical Thinking in the Classroom](#)

#### **Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)**

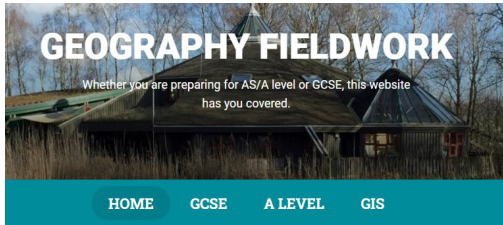
- [Fieldwork resources](#) (*most are open access though some require membership*)
- [Google Education](#)
- The ideas from [Encounter](#) will be of interest

#### **Field Studies Council (FSC)**

[Fieldwork live 2020: virtual fieldwork](#)

See following pages for GCSE Fieldwork support from FSC for Exam Boards.

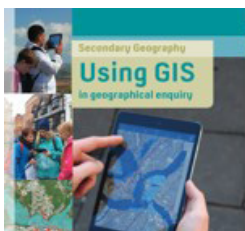
# Fieldwork Support for GCSE Geography



## Geography Fieldwork

**FSC Geography Fieldwork Website**

<https://www.geography-fieldwork.org/gcse/>



## GIS Support

**Using GIS in geographical enquiry PDF download:**

<https://www.geography-fieldwork.org/media/16634/gis-june-2017.pdf>



## #fieldworklive

**FSC #fieldworklive- Quality of Life**

*Teacher Guidance, Pre-lesson preparation, Student sheet, Fieldwork video* <https://encounteredu.com/live-lessons/ks4-how-does-quality-of-life-vary-in-an-urban-centre-220420>



**FSC #fieldworklive-Coastal Management**

*Teacher Guidance, Pre-lesson preparation, Student sheet, Fieldwork video* <https://encounteredu.com/live-lessons/ks4-impact-of-coastal-management-290420>

# Fieldwork Support for Teachers



## #fieldworklive Teacher CPD

**FSC #fieldworklive- Building a fieldwork toolkit for new geography teachers**

*Handout, Fieldwork video*

<https://encounteredu.com/live-lessons/building-a-fieldwork-toolkit-for-new-geography-teachers>

## GCSE Courses with FSC

### Set your students up for success

Our secondary courses are the ideal way to benefit from FSC's expertise. Courses offer quality first hand experiences for students, all linked to the curriculum.

- Carry out fieldwork and practical learning requirements
- Link to work back at school
- Spend dedicated time outside the classroom to inspire and motivate students
- Develop life skills such as resilience, teamwork and problem solving
- Risk assessed sites and fully Covid-secure centres

### Day and residential courses

Courses are packed with content, led by our expert tutors and spend as much time outdoors as possible.

<https://www.field-studies-council.org/secondary-and-further-education-courses/>



### Digital Hub

FSC are compiling digital fieldwork clips and helpful teaching resources to underpin and augment our fieldwork offer, to be launched in September.

