

## 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](#).

## 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

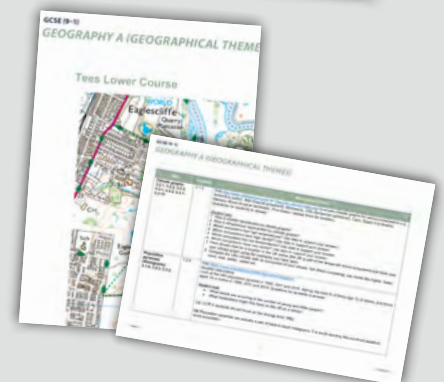
Download the [activities resource](#) and the [OS maps activity](#)

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

We have a range of professional development opportunities on offer for GCSE 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 tackle the geographical and fieldwork skills exams questions through our training and resources.

Throughout the academic year there are question and answer sessions available with our Geography Subject Advisor, 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

[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 eInspection copy available.

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

### Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)

The RGS have resources to support teaching and learning at KS4, as well as, fieldwork materials, lectures, professional development and much [more](#). The organisation supports both teachers and students.

### 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

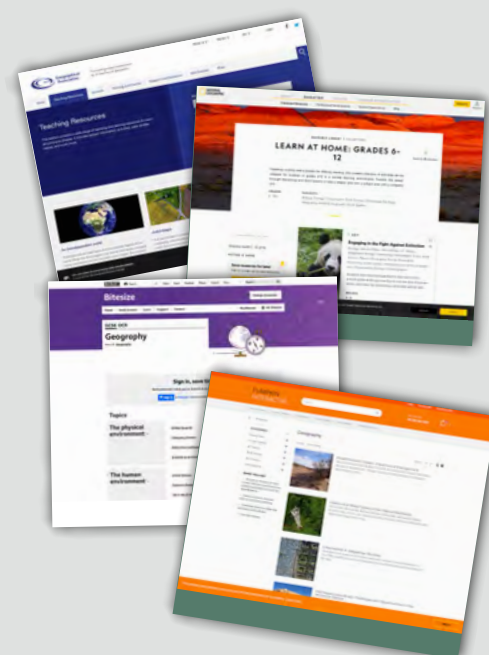
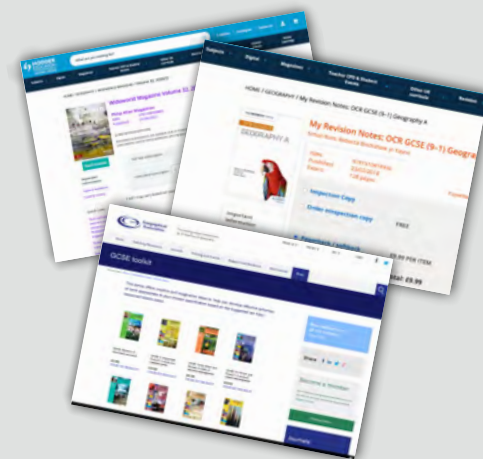
This [blog shares teaching ideas and resources](#) to support you in preparing students for assessments. It focuses on techniques to break down exam questions and how students can structure their answers.

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

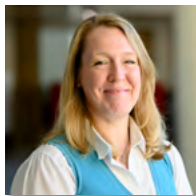
This [blog explains the teaching and assessment support resources](#) we have available to help you and your students, as well as links to relevant subject community resources.

### 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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