

GEOGRAPHY GCSE FIELDWORK EXERCISES

OCR – Specification A

Teachers may choose from three different fieldtrip objectives

(1) Data collection for Controlled Assessment

Students are introduced to the task and location of fieldwork. They are involved with planning their investigation and then go on to collect primary data in the field. This data is then collated and processed. Depending on the duration of the trip students may also write up methodology, present their data and/or carry out further background research for their fieldwork folder.

OR

(2) Data collection and write-up of Controlled Assessment

Students are introduced to the task and location of fieldwork. They are involved with planning their investigation and then go on to collect primary data in the field. Back at the centre students begin to write up their methodology, and collate, process and present their data.

The analysis, conclusions and evaluation sections of the investigation can be completed at the centre under the direct supervision of visiting staff. A classroom will be made available to you for this purpose.

AND/OR

(3) Fieldwork to cover relevant content/ develop case studies/ develop fieldwork skills

We offer a wide range of physical and human geography studies which support the content of units 1 and 2 of this specification. Such studies may be included in the trip to help develop understanding and case study knowledge or to help students develop investigative and fieldwork skills which could be applied to a fieldwork investigation closer to home.

Controlled Assessment

Investigate a local retail area

This study will change annually to meet OCR's set task for controlled assessment. Please contact the centre for further information.

Fieldwork Summaries

In addition to work towards controlled assessment we also offer other studies which support this specification. These can be used as general fieldwork to back-up content and provide case studies. For more detailed information on any of these studies please contact the centre.

Mountain Environment

Moorland Ecology

An investigation into the factors affecting plant distribution in an upland area (working along a transect from a moorland to a mire).

Glaciated Landscapes in the Brecon Beacons

This study considers processes of glaciation and investigates resulting post-glacial landforms, both erosional and depositional; from corries, U-shaped valleys and associated truncated spurs to end and ground moraines.