

Geography Professional Development

Supporting great teaching for GCSE (9-1) and A-level



Interactive workshops delivered by
experienced teachers and trainers

Events to support great teaching

This guide provides an overview of our free and paid-for events designed to help you get the most out of our geography qualifications, services and support.

Our popular free online **GCSE and A level Network** events in autumn and spring focus on key aspects of geography teaching and assessment and give you the opportunity to network with other schools. [See page 3](#).

We also offer free online **New to Edexcel events** if you are switching to us from another awarding body or if you are New to teaching Pearson Edexcel geography qualifications. [See opposite](#).

New CPD for 2020/21 to support GCSE (9-1) Geography

Free

Planning for 2020-21 an opportunity to discuss plans for the forthcoming academic year ([see page 4](#)).

New

Supporting lower ability learners aims to address the challenges facing lower-attaining students ([see page 4](#)).

New CPD for 2020/21 to support AS/A level Geography

Free

GCE Geography – Planning for 2020-21 an opportunity to discuss plans for the forthcoming academic year ([see page 4](#)).

New

Preparing students for the synoptic investigation reviews synoptic themes and the Paper 3 exam structure ([see page 3](#)).

Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1)

New to Edexcel training for Spec A and Spec B

Free

This free online event is designed for teachers who are moving to Edexcel or delivering the Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9 - 1) Geography A or B specification for the first time. This will support you in getting ready to teach the specification.

Delegates will:

- Consider the structure and content of the New specification, and explore possible teaching and delivery strategies.
- Explore the question papers and mark schemes for Paper 1, Paper 2 and Paper 3, and take part in activities.
- Find out more about the support available to guide you through the current changes.

This event can count as 2 hours of CPD.

“Excellent presentation and clear strategies to implement within school.”

Lucy Hawkins,
Cliff Park Ormiston Academy

Download our New switching support guide at:

Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9–1) and AS/A level

Pearson Edexcel Geography autumn and spring Network events

Our free online Network events for both GCSE and AS/A level will give you the opportunity to share ideas with other teachers as well as:

- Consider key aspects of the assessments.
- Develop strategies for encouraging improved achievement in your Geography qualifications.

These two-hour events usually take place at the end of the school day.

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Pearson Edexcel AS/A level

GCE Geography – Planning for 2020–21

This webinar will allow delegates to discuss their plans for the forthcoming academic year. In the session, you will have the opportunity to:

- Explore pathways and routes through the course.
- Consider the latest Ofqual review.
- Share ideas and plans with other teachers.
- Discuss key concerns for the year ahead.
- Discuss the current support available and other ways Pearson can help.

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Pearson Edexcel AS/A level

Pearson Edexcel A level Geography – Paper 3: preparing students for the synoptic investigation

At this paid for online event delegates will:

- Review the synoptic themes and the Paper 3 exam structure including question types, command words and mark schemes.
- Explore the skills needed for the resource booklet about a contemporary, place based geographical issue.
- Discover strategies for preparing your students for the 18 mark and 24 mark 'Evaluate' questions and demonstrating synoptic thinking.
- Reflect on marked scripts from the 2020 A level Paper 3 exam.

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Pearson has reviewed the format and content of all its training events to ensure that the security of its examinations cannot be compromised. Please note, in our events we are not able to discuss any centre or candidate-specific marking issues.

Our PD events count towards your CPD hours

Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Geography A and B: Supporting lower ability learners

New

This online paid for event is designed for teachers who are delivering the Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Geography A or GCSE (9-1) Geography B specifications. This training will support you in helping lower ability students to understand the specification content and assessment. This course will cover:

- Approaches to teaching challenging aspects of the specification content, particularly models, theories and concepts.
- Developing an understanding of geographical terms in the specification and other technical language used in exams.
- Ways to support students in reading and analysing geographical information.
- Strategies to support students with different types of exam questions.

Past training content

You can access content on our website from past training events, including:

- New to Edexcel training events.
- GCSE and A-level network events.

GCSE

- Mocks marking training.
- Geography A - Paper 3: preparing students for investigating UK challenges.
- Geography A & B: planning and assessing high quality fieldwork.

A level

- Coursework marking.
- Teacher marking and standarisation.
- Mocks marking training.
- A-level Geography - Paper 3: preparing students for the synoptic investigation.
- Feedback from summer 2018 - Paper 1.

Pearson Edexcel (9-1) GCSE Geography A and B: Planning for 2020-21

This free webinar will allow delegates to discuss their plans for the forthcoming academic year. In this session, you will have the opportunity to:

- Explore pathways and routes through this course
- Share ideas and plans with other teachers
- Discuss key concerns for the year ahead
- Discuss the current support available and other ways Pearson can help.



Centre-based training

With centre-based training, you can choose any of our face-to-face* or online training courses listed in our 2020/21 training programme to be delivered at your centre for a fee (which you could share with other schools in your area) before the end of August 2021.

We can arrange for one of our geography specialist trainers to come and deliver full or half-day training in your school or online at a time that's convenient for you and your colleagues.

Pre-recorded training

You've told us that it's not always possible to get out of school to attend training. To ensure we can continue supporting you, we've adapted some of our high-quality, face-to-face and online training materials to produce our New pre-recorded training.

These pre-recorded training videos for GCSE and A level are developed to support you in the delivery, assessment and post-examination. They can be watched at a time that suits you, shared with colleagues and revisited when needed.

Each pre-recorded event can count as 1 hour of CPD.

You can access these sessions using the GCSE and A level event weblinks opposite.

Free

* Face-to-face events will only take place if it is safe to do so.

Coming soon

Our programme of autumn events will include:

GCSE and A level:

- Networks – Planning for 2020-21 (online).
- New to Edexcel (online).

GCSE:

- Supporting lower ability students (online).

A level

- Pearson Edexcel A level Geography – Paper 3: preparing students for the synoptic investigation (online).

Look out for the dates at: quals.pearson.com/geopd



How to book

Our paid-for and free events are available to book online:

- for GCSE events: quals.pearson.com/geogcsep
- for A level events: quals.pearson.com/geoalevelpd
- for centre-based training: quals.pearson.com/inschooltraininggeo
- for pre-recorded training: quals.pearson.com/prerecordgeo

For more information about our Training for Pearson workshops, events, centre-based training, terms & conditions and bookings please contact us at:
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