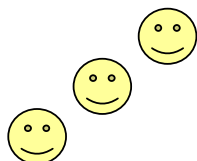




Secondary Geography Newsletter **Summer Term 2008**



Please circulate a copy of this newsletter to your geography colleagues.

I hope the term is progressing well. As you will see in this edition there are some significant updates for your information.

With very best wishes

Rob Lodge

NEW KS3 Geography Updates

As you are probably aware, there is an LA Geography Think Tank group which comprises of Chris Smith (Northgate High), Richard Taylor (Thorpe St Andrew School), Ben Utting, LA Geography AST (Sprowston High) and Rob Lodge (Adviser). We meet at least termly to share ideas but also to plan for future LA geography support.

We know many departments and colleagues have participated at the Norfolk Geography Conference last October 07 at Gressenhall Rural Life Museum and also at the Eastern region CfBT Conference at the Norwich North Holiday Inn in February 08. There have been afternoon network meetings at Northgate High in November 07 and Neatherd High in March 08 to enhance these developments. The attendance at these has been impressive!

We are offering on Thursday, 5th June 08 from 1.30 pm-5.30pm a drop in 'surgery' at Norwich PDC. This is open to all colleagues to discuss/ hear ideas and to also enhance planning with different colleagues. You are most welcome to join us for some or all of the session.

Please see attached booking form.



KS4 Geography Updates

All the Examination Boards have produced two draft specifications for the new GCSE which commence teaching with Year 10s in September 2009. You may wish to access the Examination Boards websites to give you a flavour of the proposed changes. The specifications will be going to QCA later this term to be approved later in the summer. These will then be available for schools in September 2008 to consider their choices for teaching in September 2009.

We are hoping to have representatives from AQA, EDEXCEL and OCR at the autumn term network meeting in early October 08 – probably at Northgate High School. They will share each of their two GCSE specifications and answer any questions.

I have also enclosed a sheet on GA projects which may be of interest to you or departmental colleagues



There will be a fourth Museum Geography event being launched at Cromer Museum in late June/early July with a focus on climate change. This has been led by Victoria Chamberlin (Learning Manager), Ben Utting (Sprowston High), Rachel Barrell (Stalham High) and Kevin Cromwell (Cromer High).

Geography Annual Conference **Monday, 30th June 2008**

I hope you are able to join us for the Annual Norfolk Conference being held here at the Norwich Professional Development Centre on the above date. It has a KS4 focus in the morning and a good range of workshops in the afternoon – including geographical ‘speed dating’ – more details when you book your place. A flyer and booking form has already been sent out at the beginning of the term

Gifted and Talented and SEN Task Groups

Thank you to Lisa Freaney (Wymondham High), Nic Butler (Fakenham High), Ben Utting (Sprowston High), Nigel Parfitt (Framingham Earl High) and Jan Utting (Adviser for G&T) for their contributions to the Geography Gifted and Talented task group. Also to Alan Parkinson (King Edward VII), Helen McCarron and Helen Carty (Springwood High), Alison Goodwin (Fakenham High), Angi Crawley (Reepham High) and Kirsty Lansdale (Aylsham High) for their contributions to the Geography SEN task group.



Belated splendid congratulations to Phil Moorfoot (Sheringham High) and his students for achieving second place in the national GA's worldwide competition at Malham Tarn Field Studies Centre in the summer of 2007. One of his students will represent England in the international competition in August 2008.



Well done to Alan Parkinson (King Edward VII) for achieving a notable national award from the Ordnance Survey.

An outstanding result for Jon Hooton (Notre Dame School) in achieving a permanent Green Flag for his magnificent environmental work over many years. There is only one other Norfolk High school – Northgate High – that has achieved this award. There are few nationally.



Christian Goude and the geography team at Diss High School, supported by Ben Utting, have led an exciting Year 11 revision afternoon - enhancing different approaches

More news on this at the conference!

Tim Oxborough (Lynn Grove) has not only worked with Colin Stott and Patricia Day of the Education team at the Time & Tide Museum but is involved with Ben Utting and Rob Lodge to pilot a KS3 Geography project. It is hoped that other departments will work with the group this summer including Vicky Collins (Oriell High) who actively contributed to the planning. Tim is also working with maths colleagues to develop a joint project for their new Year 7s in September.

Geography Outdoor Learning Task Group

Graham Lodge (Educational visits and outdoor learning Adviser), Jerry Mills (Broadland High), Rachel Moss (Neatherd High), Leigh Foster (Marshland High), Tom Harris (Diss High) and Jan Pitman (Learning Manager Gressenhall) have met to develop some approaches to geography outdoor learning – some support and guidance to emerge soon.

Professional Learning and Development Booking Form

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School DCSF No. (926)

Course Title: **Geography Drop-in Surgery**

Workshop choice(s):

Venue: **Norwich Professional Development Centre**

Date: **5th June 2008**

**Course Code/
Event Ref.**

Title	Forename	Surname (block capitals please)	£ Cost (ex.VAT)

Please do not send a cheque with this booking form.

TOTAL **£0.0**

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For your convenience why not book on-line at <http://advisoryservice.norfolk.gov.uk>

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