

a different view

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Post-16

New specifications, a rapidly changing world, and the widening gap between school and HE geography have combined to offer geography teachers at Post-16 real opportunity for curriculum change to enliven the subject. With the reduction from seven to four specifications, the differences between them are now more marked, from the pioneering to the 'more of the same'. What are the implications of selecting one specification over another? How can you select the specification that best suits your students and circumstances?

A different view is designed to inspire you to make your Post-16 curriculum come alive, ensuring that your students can have a powerful experience, extending their capabilities for geographical thought, and their own interests as increasingly specialist geographers. There is lots of support for your Post-16 curriculum making, through the full range of new specifications, on the GA website:

- <http://www.geography.org.uk/projects/gtip/thinkpieces/alevelgeography>
Look at the *Teaching A level Geography* Think Piece. This considers the particular characteristics of Post-16 classes, different teaching approaches, and the distinctions in geographical paradigms and pedagogies presented by the four new specifications. There is also a selection of enquiry-based teaching activities that will help teachers of this age group to develop active learning strategies.
- <http://www.geography.org.uk/projects/ks4ict/thenewspecks/>
Consider how you can use ICT to support the new specifications by reading this information in the projects area of the GA website.
- <http://geographical.ning.com> (links at the foot of the homepage)
Join the relevant Post-16 NING and share your thinking and resources as you develop your new teaching programme. You'll find contributions there already from teachers of all four specifications.
- <http://www.geography.org.uk/projects/planetsport>
Have a look at the Planet Sport area of the GA website. Sport links to all kinds of Post-16 geographical themes, such as regeneration and sustainability, and the teaching materials there cover a range of sporting events including the Olympics and Paralympics at Sydney, Beijing and London 2012.

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Watch out in Spring 2010 for the launch of this new Post-16 series from the GA, edited by Bob Digby and Sue Warn, which is designed to bring contemporary research by specialist geographers in HE into the geography classroom.