

Alan Parkinson

Curriculum Development Leader (secondary)

Biography

Alan Parkinson joined the GA as Secondary Curriculum Development Leader in September 2008 after teaching for twenty years in Norfolk and Derbyshire. He developed the popular GeographyPages website in 2001, and is a prolific blogger, running a total of 8 blogs on various aspects of geographical education. He has also been awarded two Innovative Geography Teaching grants by the Royal Geographical Society.

He has always looked for appropriate uses of technology to support creative pedagogy. He has completed consultancy for organisations including the BBC and numerous publishers.

Alan is the Webwatch editor of *GA Magazine* and has also had articles published in *Teaching Geography* and Ordnance Survey's *Mapping News*. He is also one of the authors of the award-winning *GA KS3 Geography Teachers' Toolkit* series.

Alan has delivered numerous CPD sessions around the British Isles, and spoken at regional and national conferences. His role at the GA involves the creation and support of physical and virtual networks of teachers, and guidance on secondary curriculum change.

In 2008, Alan was awarded the Ordnance Survey award for "excellence in geography teaching in secondary education". He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and has been a Chartered Geographer since 2007.

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Quote

Social media is changing the way that teachers interact with students, as we move towards more participative models of learning. We have new tools and new opportunities that the new curriculum has provided us with, but it is time to embrace new behaviours.