

Why Choose Us For Your Geography Fieldwork

Charity Dedicated to Environmental Education

FSC believes the more we know about and take inspiration from the world around us the more we can appreciate its needs and protect its diversity and beauty for future generations.

We are passionate about our cause and long-standing 70 year history of helping people of all ages develop their knowledge of the natural world.

Improve Academic Performance

For Key Stage 4 students

- Complete the fieldwork requirements.
- Learn and apply fieldwork skills to develop transferrable knowledge, skills and understanding to help them gain the grades they want within the fieldwork exam (15% of marks in England, 20% in Wales)
- Inspire your students to think like a geographer.

For AS Level students

- Complete the fieldwork requirements.
- A choice of specification content covering physical and human geography.
- Prepare AS level students for the AO3 fieldwork exam, worth up to 27% of their total marks
- Explore the role of the geographer in a rapidly changing world.

For A Level students

- Complete the fieldwork requirements.
- Give A level students the opportunity to conduct an independent investigation, worth 20% of the final A level mark.
- Develop self-directed learning skills and thinking around sustainable futures.

Proven Record

School groups bring over 100,000 students to our Centres each year.

80% of school groups rebook year after year.

FSC has a gifted team of full time field teachers, ready to teach the new specifications; we have organised training with all the major exam boards.

FSC has a proven health and safety record with all our Centres holding the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom's Quality Badge, which is recognised by Outdoor Education Advisors and greatly simplifies the verification process for those groups using Evolve for authorisation of the course.



Exam Boards Value Fieldwork and FSC

AQA believe that fieldwork is important for engaging students and therefore has an important role in teaching and learning.

Georgina Beattie, Geography Qualifications Manager, AQA.

Nick [Lapthorn, Head of Centre at FSC Nettlecombe, a GA centre of excellence] has been a member of OCR Geography consultative forum since its inception. Fieldwork is an area that OCR strongly supports and to have this level of expertise within our forum is really very helpful. Nick has been able to bring some real perspective on the issues of fieldwork both in a practical way, in terms of the implications for teachers and fieldworkers and in a creative way to help shape our thinking on this area. His expertise and contributions are highly valued within the group.

Sally Brown, Head of Policy Higher Education, OCR.

We know the benefit that fieldwork brings to students' geographical understanding, which is why we're working with experts such as the Field Studies Council.

Jon Wolton, Edexcel Geography Subject Advisor, Pearson.

WJEC and FSC share the same view about the value of the enquiry process through fieldwork for geography students. Samantha Rudd, Curriculum Development Manager at FSC provides invaluable support to both WJEC staff and WJEC teachers in the development of fieldwork enquiries and decision making tasks.

Andy Owen, Subject Officer GCSE Geography, WJEC.

Financial Support for Those That Need it Most

FSC's Bursary Fund provides support to individuals who are from disadvantaged backgrounds enabling them to take part in FSC curriculum focussed courses with their school class.

Those eligible are students aged 4-19 attending school or college in the state sector who live in the 10% most deprived areas of the UK. Bursaries of up to a maximum of 80% of the curriculum course fee are awarded for the student to attend a residential or day course at an FSC Centre.

Flexible Prices and Course Lengths

FSC has a pricing structure based on the time of year each group chooses to attend. This helps to ensure there are plenty of very affordable slots throughout the year. FSC also has a number of day courses to help schools where cost makes visiting a Centre on a residential basis prohibitive.