

A2 AQA Geography *Succession: Fieldwork Investigations, 1day*



Students will carry out fieldwork to collect case-study material for Unit 3 (Contemporary Geographical Issues) and for Unit 4A (Geographical Fieldwork Investigation). Unit 4A is assessed in a 1.5 hour exam, which may include questions on any stage of the fieldwork investigation process.

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COURSE LENGTH

Sessions from 9.30am-4.00pm

Extensions can be arranged. This makes more time available for follow up discussions and analysis; ensuring students make the most of this outdoor learning opportunity.

COURSE CONTENT

Students carry out an investigation across a succession ecosystem, sampling along a transect to collect data on vegetation, soil and micro-climate. Students explore how the environment is changing over time, preparing students for the Geographical Fieldwork Investigations Paper at A2.

LEARNING OUTCOMES/OBJECTIVES

| Learning Objectives | Learning Outcomes |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand how vegetation in an ecosystem changes over time, leading to a climatic climax. Consider which factors are causing this change in vegetation. <p>Geographical fieldwork investigation skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop understanding of setting up an investigation with aims and hypotheses to test. Consider different data collection techniques and sampling strategies which could be used. | <p>All students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observe the changes in vegetation within a successional environment. Collect data on the vegetation, soil & micro-climate within this environment. Outline the fieldwork aims and the hypotheses being tested. <p>Most students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justify the fieldwork techniques used during the day, and outline why some techniques and sampling strategies were used rather than others. Explain what factors are causing changes in vegetation over time in this environment. <p>Some students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggest ways the investigation and data collection methods could be improved. |

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External Recognition of Quality

All our centres have either been awarded the Quality Badge by The Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, or are awaiting assessment. The badge is awarded to organisations that have demonstrated that they consistently deliver high quality teaching and learning experiences and manage risk effectively. This means that you will have to complete less paperwork when visiting our centres

Protecting fieldwork opportunities for everybody

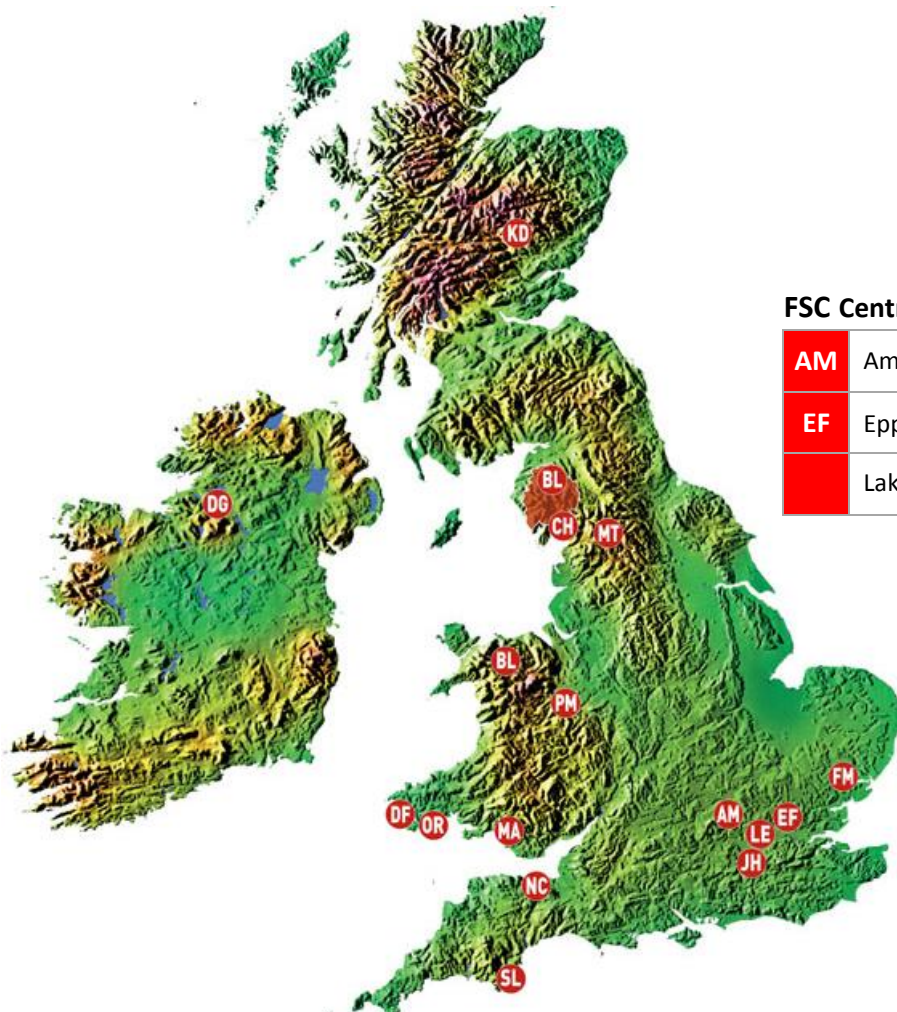
Growing pressures on outdoor learning has led the FSC to take on an important role; championing the rights and opportunities for people of all ages to experience the environment at first hand.

The FSC has led in campaigns to reverse the continuing decline in fieldwork within secondary schools and to build opportunities for out-of-classroom learning.

As a registered charity, the FSC receives no statutory funding. It relies solely on fees charged for courses and membership. Therefore, by visiting an FSC Centre not only are you receiving a high quality educational experience for your students, you are also helping to protect fieldwork opportunities for everybody.

FSC CENTRES

This course is offered at our day centres listed below, set in some of the most stunning locations in the UK.



FSC Centres that offer this course:

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| AM | Amersham | 01494 721 054 |
| EF | Epping Forest | 020 8502 8500 |
| | Lake District | 01768 779 601 |

TO BOOK THIS COURSE, SIMPLY:

1. Choose the time of the year you would like to attend
2. Pick the centre/centres of interest
3. [Check availability online](#) or contact head office using the details at the bottom of the page or contact the centre of your choice

**Please note to book this course the minimum size of your group must be 12 students and 1 member of staff*

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The FSC prides itself on being flexible. If you can't find a course to meet your exact requirements a course specifically tailored to meet your needs can be developed. To discuss this, contact the centre of your choice. Fees will depend on what time of year you would like to visit and your length of stay but will be more expensive than FSC courses at peak periods.