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Prep Schools

## Q13: Geography – improving visual competency in geography

**Date** Tuesday 7 March 2023

**Venue** Royal Geographical Society, London, SW7 2AR

**Cost** £229 (non IAPS members - £329)

This course will provide effective and practical ideas on how to use Digimaps to present geographical fieldwork data. These ideas can be applied and adapted to a range of topics and can even be disseminated to other curriculum areas such as Science and Computing.

The focus of the day will be on how digital technology can improve the visual competency of your students. Ideas will also be given on how to stretch more academically able students, particularly those applying for scholarships, and to prepare them for the future challenge of GCSEs and A-Levels.

Delegates are welcome to bring resources/ideas/examples which can be shared demonstrating their use of digital technology to enhance teaching and learning.

Part of the course will involve a practical data collection exercise in Hyde Park. The course will principally be led by Darren Bailey from the Ordnance Survey in Southampton. There will be a short presentation from Simon Lewis on the changes to the Common Entrance, with particular emphasis on the new Environment (Sustainability and Stewardship) unit.

**Audience** Heads/teachers of geography, directors of studies

**Objectives** The aim of this course is to highlight the growing importance of visual competency in Geography from analysing cartographical information to the understanding of data represented in graphical format. The course will focus on the use of Digimaps, and its wide applications to fieldwork. The course aims to encompass the growing emphasis of visual competency at GCSE and A-Level, and ensuring that we are fulfilling our duties in enabling our students to have the necessary visual skills to embrace the challenge of their future education.

**Course Director** Anne-Marie Grant, IAPS geography subject adviser

**Presenters** Darren Bailey and Simon Lewis

**Programme: Tuesday 7 March 2023**

**1000** Registration and coffee

**1030** Changes to Common Entrance, particularly the environment unit (sustainability and stewardship)

**1100** Consolidation of map skills – overview of fundamental mapping skills

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- 1145** Using Digimaps for Schools for GIS
- 1230** Lunch
- 1330** Data collection activity around Hyde Park
- 1415** Using secondary data to map earthquakes
- 1440** Break
- 1500** GIS in the real world and extension activity for gifted and talented
- 1600** Plenary and evaluation

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