

**Advanced Level Geology in the United Kingdom:
A New Approach by the Welsh Joint Education Committee**

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The Welsh Joint Education Committee (W.J.E.C.) is one of two providers of Advanced Level (AL) geology in the United Kingdom. The Dearing review (1998) of the post-16 curriculum entitled 'Qualifying for Success' suggested a number of fundamental changes to the existing provision. The W.J.E.C.'s new AL geology specification (syllabus) is a response to this review. The specification offers an attractive, relevant science programme for students. It aims to retain and expand the place of geology in the new post-16 structure by attracting a wider cohort of one-year students through the Advanced Subsidiary (AS) course, and demonstrating depth and rigour, whilst retaining interest as students progress onto the A2, and thus complete the AL course.
