Working in the Geography Classroom



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Getting there

- Degree or two!
- Masters in Education Practice
- Induction Year
- Sub
- Sub some more
- Sub a bit more
- Get a temporary position EPT CID TWT
- Permanent.....if



Masters in Education

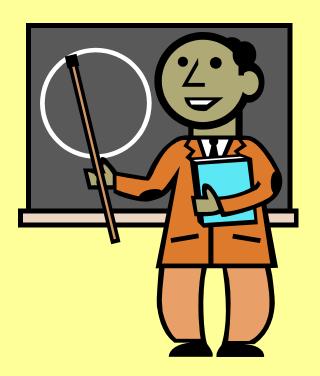
- Objective
 - To prepare you for a career in teaching
- Outcome
 - Completely fails to prepare you for a career in teaching
- Course focuses on
 - Psychology, philosophy, history or education
 - Subject methodologies

Fantasy MEd

- Techniques for managing different behaviours
- Classroom organisation and management
- Differentiation
- Paper & Workflow management
- Setting and correcting homework
- Embedding ICT in teaching and learning
- Career development
- Parent- Teacher Meetings

The Job

- Teacher in the school
- Classroom teacher
- Staff member
 - Coach
 - Baby-sitter
 - In loco parentis
 - sometimes literally



Part of 3s

- Teach Geography
 - You'll have passion but can you connect?
- Teach students
 - You can connect but will they respect you?
- Teach Geography to students
 - You'll win Teacher of the Year



School Geography vs College Geography

- Shallow but varied
- Hemmed in by the curriculum
- Inflexible
- Little control over what you teach
- But Golden Rule.....
 - Stay on top of your subject
 - GSI, AGTI, courses....



Students 1

- Age range 12 18/19
 - The Hormonal Years!
- Junior Certificate
- 1st years & 2nd + 3rd Years
- Transition Year
- Leaving Certificate

Students 2

- Need to develop VERY quickly
 - several modes of relating
 - Keen sense of who each child is.
- Need to be friendly but not a friend
- Need to be professional but not aloof
- Need to remember that students are children
- Need to care
- Need to be able to switch off

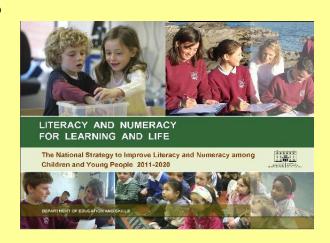
Teaching Geography to Students

- Need to be professionally interested in
 - Subject
 - Students
 - Education
 - Self
 - CPD
 - Enhance knowledge and skills
 - Pass on love of the subject
 - Be super enthusiastic but not show it too much



Typical Teaching

- Used to be read the book/copy notes
- Changing slowly
 - Need varied methodologies
 - Varied classroom arrangements
 - Facebook/Youtube generation
- Literacy & Numeracy Strategy
- Assessment for Learning



Experience of Teaching

- Exhilarating
- Frustrating
- Funny
- Engaging
- Stimulating
- Deeply depressing
- No 2 days are the same
- Hard work
- Busy



Teaching as a Career

- Easy to spend 40 years just teaching
- Need to try other education-related areas
 - Subject association(s)
 - New endeavours related to
 - extra-curricular activities
 - Educational developments
 - Further study
- Need to model learning

Future?

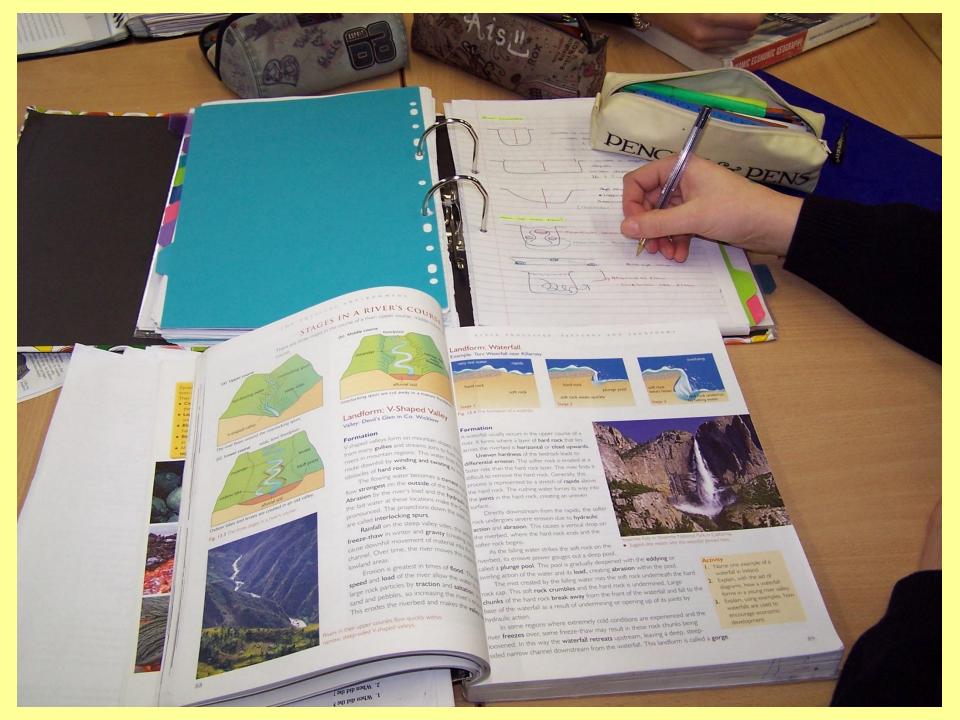
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 - Reviewing the Junior Certificate
 - Threat to Geography as a core subject
 - Bad idea
 - Geography is a synthesising subject
 - Promotes holistic world view
 - -Promotes Identity but also understanding

Future of Teaching

- School Principals will run every aspect of school
 - Including budgets for staff
 - Teaching will become part of a career rather than a career for life
 - 9-5 job
 - Extra-curricular activities will suffer
 - Private schools excepting
 - » Depending on funding

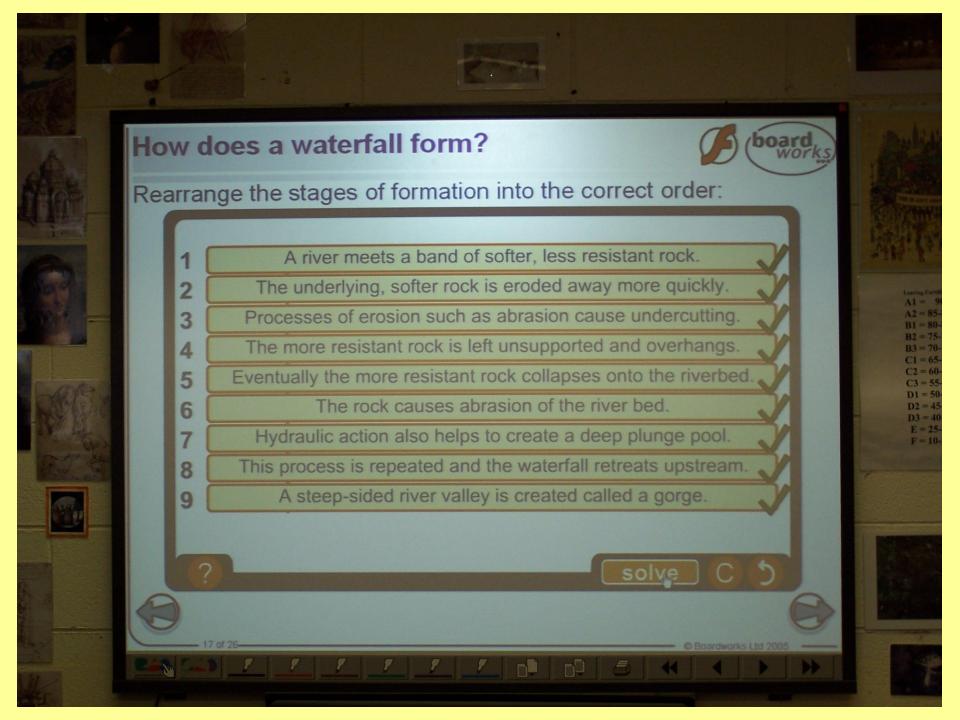


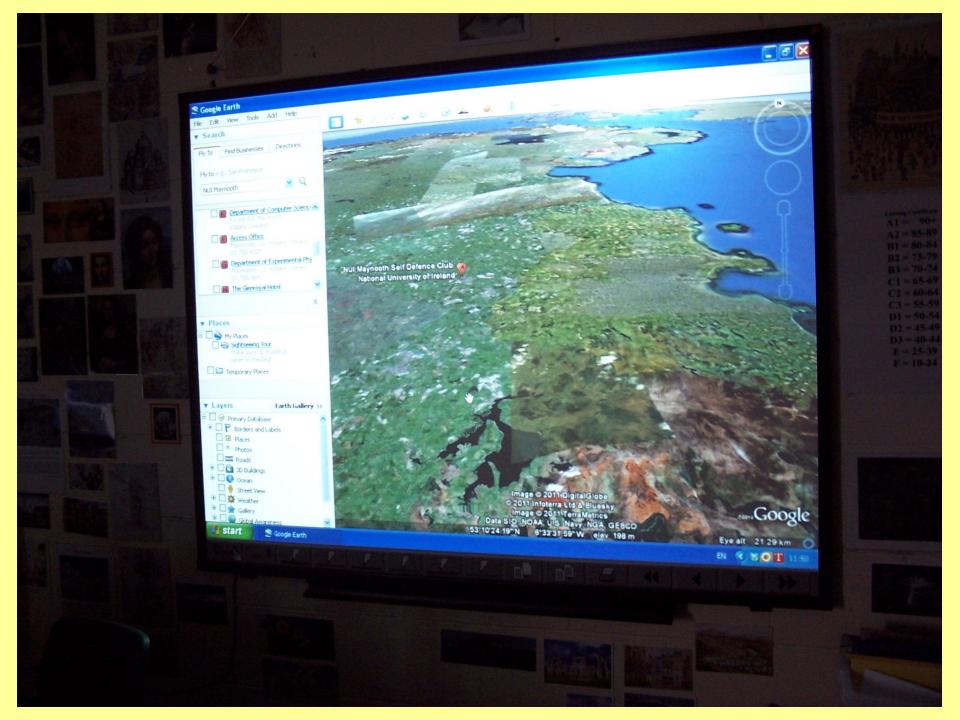


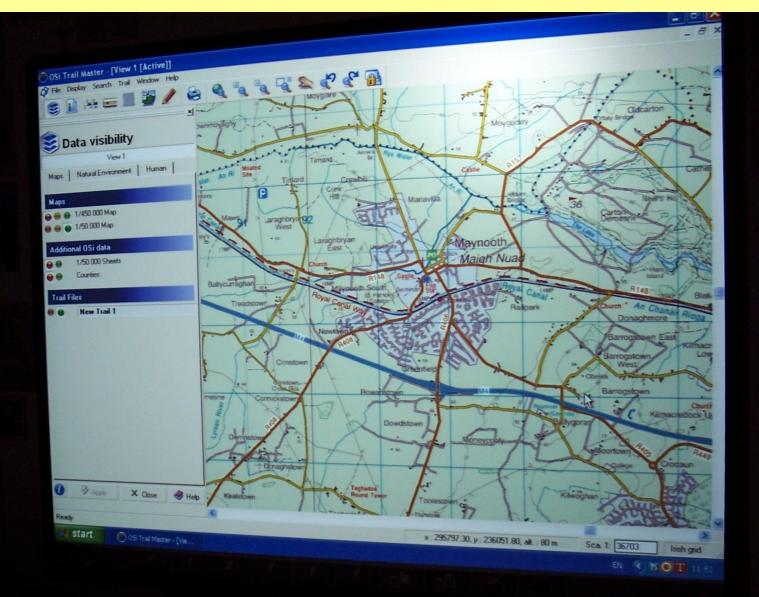


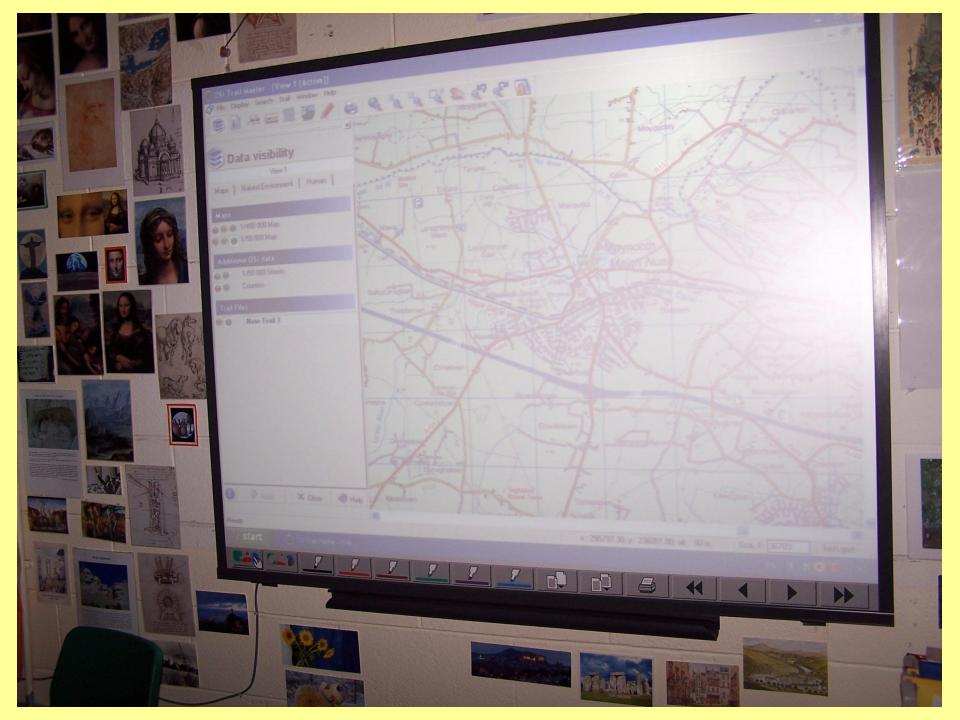
















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