



Climate Change: Ask the Expert

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The WMnet Climate Change in the Curriculum programme includes a series of five live, online sessions during which experts on selected aspects of climate change answer questions from learners in KS4 and KS5. The Webcasts will be recorded and made available on-line for later viewing. Dates and themes are as follows:

January 25th 2006 Weather and climate change



Bill Giles OBE, former Senior BBC Weatherman, is well known as a broadcaster and for the strength of his opinions on climate change. He will answer questions on the effects of global warming on our world and its populations. Questions in advance and during the webcast can be submitted at

<http://www.wmnet.org.uk/go/qBillGiles>

February 8th 2006 Implications for food production and the countryside

Dr. Peter Kettlewell and Dr Paul Beckwith of Harper Adams University College.



Paul is a specialist in soil science with an interest in the ways in which land use can reduce the impact of global warming. Peter specialises on the influence of weather on crop production. They will answer questions on the likely impact of climate change on the kinds of crops that can be grown, the effects on agriculture and anticipated consequences for the countryside. Questions in advance and during the webcast can be submitted at <http://www.wmnet.org.uk/go/qHarperAdams>

To test your capacity to view the webcast look at the demonstration page at <http://www.wmnet.org.uk/go/testwebcast> you will need to login as a 'guest' user without a password. This test is intended to be viewed over a school or college broadband connection and the quality may be inferior over a domestic ADSL link

March 1st 2006

The role of oceans in changing our climate



Professor Harry Bryden, University of Southampton. Harry Bryden is one of the world's foremost oceanographers and will answer questions on the impact of climate change on the oceans, possible changes in the behaviour of currents such as the Gulf stream and perceived changes in the frequency and intensity of hurricanes. Questions in advance and during the webcast can be submitted at <http://www.wmnet.org.uk/go/qHarryBryden>

March 15th 2006

Transport and climate change



Dr. Lee Chapman University of Birmingham
Lee is a Geographer who specialises in reducing the weather sensitivity of transport. However Lee will also answer questions on the impact of transport on the environment. Questions in advance and during the webcast can be submitted at <http://www.wmnet.org.uk/go/qLeeChapman>

March 29th 2006

Impacts of climate change



Dr. John Thornes Reader in Applied Meteorology University of Birmingham
John is a meteorologist who specializes in the impact of weather and climate on society and on how we can improve weather forecasts and climate prediction. He will answer general questions on the impact of global warming and climate change. Questions in advance and during the webcast can be submitted at <http://www.wmnet.org.uk/go/qJohnThornes>

Sessions will begin at 11.00 and last for 30 minutes