

GCSE & GCE FILM STUDIES

NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2025

A very happy new year from all of us at Eduqas Film Studies! We hope you had a great Christmas break.

This Winter bulletin provides some important information, dates, deadlines and resources developed by EDUQAS to support you with the delivery of our specification this academic year. I hope that you can make use of these over the coming weeks and months.

BECOME A MODERATOR OR EXAMINER

We are recruiting for GCSE, AS and A Level Film Studies moderators and examiners. Moderating and examining is excellent professional learning and a good way to earn extra money. All work is conducted from home, including an online training conference. If applying to become a Film Studies examiner, please state in your supporting statement which component you would prefer to mark.

Full details and application form here:

https://www.eduqas.co.uk/ed/home/appointees/examinermoderator-vacancies/#tab_0

NEA GUIDANCE IN SPECIFICATIONS UPDATES

We have updated the guidance for marking and submission of NEA in the GCSE, AS and AL specifications in response to common queries.

For A level, the guidance includes:

Marking guidance that if a storyboard is not submitted for the screenplay and storyboard option then limited marks can be awarded for key elements of film only if key elements of film are implicitly evident in the screenplay.

Marking the evaluative analysis: work does not reference at least 80 minutes' worth of the short films: if work references at 40 minutes or less, cap marks at lower band 3. If work references between 41 minutes and 79 minutes, cap marks at upper band 3.

NEA BRIEFS NOTIFICATION

GCSE, AS and AL NEA briefs from first assessment in Summer 2027 will be published on WJEC Portal in September 2026 and will no longer be published in the specification.

A LEVEL FILM STUDIES: A Reminder that the updated films in the specification will be assessed for the first time in Summer 2025. Blended resources and fact sheets on the new films can be found on our [Digital Resources](#) page.

CPD EVENTS

There were several face-to face and online CPD events held in the Autumn Term with a few more coming up in the new year. For more information on upcoming events check out our [Professional Learning](#) webpage.

The materials produced for all CPD events will be available for all on the Portal within 2 weeks after each event:

Resources > Subject specific support material inc CPD and Exemplars

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PAST PAPERS AND MARK SCHEMES

The 2024 Summer Past Papers are available on the Portal under the following tabs:

Resources>Past Papers and Mark Schemes

Filters: Subject>Film Studies, Level>GCSE or GCE, type of document> Exemplar Materials, Brand>Eduqas

EXEMPLAR MATERIALS

NEA Exemplar from the 2024 cohort is now available on the Portal

Resources> Subject specific support material inc CPD and Exemplars

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

As part of the NEA marksheet, both the student and teacher declaration now include acknowledging the use of AI in Film Studies work (if applicable). Further details can be found here:

[Managing AI \(Artificial Intelligence\) in Non-Exam Assessment \(NEA\): Guidance for Centres](#)

KEY EXAM DATES

GCSE Film Studies Component 1 exam:	Friday 9 th May 2025 (am)
GCSE Film Studies Component 2 exam:	Monday 19 th May 2025 (pm)
AS Film Studies Component 1 exam:	Wednesday 14 th May 2025 (pm)
AS Film Studies Component 2 exam:	Monday 19 th May 2025 (pm)
AL Film Studies Component 1 exam:	Wednesday 21 st May 2025 (pm)
AL Film Studies Component 2 exam:	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025 (am)

NEA ADMINISTRATION AND DEADLINES

Deadlines and Uploading:

- All samples must be uploaded to IAMIS (the Surpass system is no longer in use) Please familiarize yourself with our [IAMIS upload guide](#)
- GCSE Film NEA deadline 5th May
- AS and AL Film deadline 15th May
- We recommend you have everything uploaded at least a little in advance of the deadline, so you have time to resolve any potential tech issues before the final deadline.
- The maximum file upload size is 600mb – videos can be compressed for moderation purpose.
- File types accepted are MP4, avi, doc,pdf

Annotations:

- Ensure there are annotations on all written work submitted.

Cover sheets:

- Ensure **all** pages of the cover sheet are completed, especially which brief has been chosen by the candidate – ensure only **one** is chosen.
- The candidate must sign the declaration. Failure to do this could constitute maladministration/malpractice.
- State clearly how and where marks are awarded.
- If there were any notes regarding safeguarding issues that might be perceived as an issue to the moderator, but were not in actuality, these should be highlighted on the cover sheet where relevant.

Evaluative Analysis

- Ensure word counts are met and provided on the work.
- State any penalty given if the work is too far under the word count.