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1. GCSE English Language

What's new?

For the legacy specification there will be two re-sit opportunities in November 2016 and June 2017. The 40% terminal assessment rule applies as normal, allowing the results for one or two units to be carried forward from a previous series.

Where new written controlled assessment is to be entered, the tasks must be selected from the June 2016 booklet, which is stored on the secure website.

For the new specification the Task 2: Responding and Interacting stimulus material for Unit 1: Oracy is now available on our secure website. There is a guidelines document for non-examination assessment and a record keeping mark sheet located alongside the stimulus material.

Centres are advised to read the guidelines document carefully. Further details on administrative procedures for the sampling process will be released closer to the submission date deadline.

Dates for your diary

The Summer 2017 examinations timetable has now been finalised. The key dates are now available on the [WJEC website](#).

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Resources

We are continually developing a wide range of resources to support you in the delivery of our qualifications.

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Why not bookmark our [qualifications page](#) to keep up to date with new resources?

You can also take a look at our [Online Exam Review](#) on the WJEC website. Our OER is an innovative, interactive tool designed to help teachers improve standards in the classroom.

Teacher Training

We are holding a series of training courses to assist you in the delivery of our GCSE English Language qualifications.

These full day course are designed for teachers delivering the reformed WJEC GCSE English Language specification. Each session will review the progress of teaching so far, share good practice and consider approaches in the teaching and learning of key elements of the specification moving forward, using new resources available.

[Visit Training Page](#)

If any course dates have closed for online bookings or are fully booked, please email our dedicated CPD team at cpd@wjec.co.uk for assistance.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are candidates able to carry-forward marks from units that were previously entered on legacy specification?

Yes, provided that the 40% terminal assessment rule is met, then the marks for a single unit or any combination of two units can be carried forward in either of the two re-sit series this year.

Should candidates wish to enter new written controlled assessment for Unit 3, which tasks should they use?

The tasks should be selected from the June 2016 booklet and must be different from the ones completed for the previous series.

For new specification, where can I find the stimulus materials for Task 2 – Responding and Interacting for entry in June 2017?

These can be found on the secure website via the following steps,

Resources PDF Download > Controlled Assessment Materials > GCSE English / English Language / English Literature > Non Examination - Assessment Tasks (entry in 2017 – new specification) > 3700U10-1 GCSE English Language (for entry in 2017) - Unit 1 Oracy - Task 2.

As I work in a PRU/Special School/FE centre, do my candidates have a later deadline for the Unit 1: Oracy?

No, the 24 March deadline is applicable to all candidates being entered in June 2017 on new specification.

I can't find the entry code, where can I find it and what is it?

The Entry code can be found at the back of the specification, under section 4.1.

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2.GCE AS and A level English Language

What's new?

- A series of unannotated and marked responses to SAMs questions for Unit 1 and Unit 2, to support the teaching and assessment of the new GCE AS WJEC specification, are now available to download from our [Resources website](#).
- Assessment grids for all units of the new specification can be downloaded [here](#).
- [Teachers' Guide](#)

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Teacher Training

We are holding a series of training courses to assist you in the delivery of our reformed GCE AS and A level English Language qualifications.

- Friday 02 December 2016, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
[Treforest](#)
[Book this course »](#)
- Tuesday 06 December 2016, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
[Llandudno](#)
[Book this course »](#)

Our Approaches to Teaching full day courses will review the recent AS assessment and examiners report whilst sharing good practice and considering approaches to teaching key elements of both the AS and A level specifications.

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If any course dates have closed for online bookings or are fully booked, please email our dedicated CPD team at cpd@wjec.co.uk for assistance.

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the deadline for NEA submission?

In order to allow for your NEA sample to reach your moderator by 15 May 2017, marks should be entered on the 'Internal Assessment Mark Input System' (IAMIS), found on the secure website, at least a week before. Once you have submitted the marks, the system will generate the sample. You can also find the moderator's details on this system.

How do I find out examination dates?

The examination and internal assessment [timetable for 2016-17](#) provides you with all this information.

How do I support my learners develop a title for their Unit 5 NEA investigation?

As learners are required to undertake an independent language investigation, each one will have a different starting point (his/her hypothesis). The focus of the investigation may alter slightly as the learner explores the issues/concepts and data in greater depth and this will in turn necessitate a change in the NEA title.

As a starting point, learners should have a clear idea as to the hypothesis they wish to investigate that links with one of the four aspects related to identity (self-representation, gender, culture or diversity).

Do learners have to study examples of both spoken and written language in their Unit 5 NEA investigation?

In terms of spoken and written language, the specification for component 4 states that learners are "encouraged" to "synthesise insights developed through the application of linguistic knowledge to the study of speech and writing", meaning that the insights they have developed on spoken and written language throughout the course should be synthesised here. There is no requirement for learners to use both speech and writing in their investigation; rather they should select those modes most relevant to the aspect of study.

3. Examiner and Moderator Vacancies

We continue to recruit examiners and moderators for all of our subjects. If you are interested in examining for us please visit the website for further details and to [apply](#).

Examining and moderating are [rewarding careers](#) offering a unique opportunity to gain a greater understanding of your subject. The work is flexible and can be done in your own time alongside your current teaching position.

Where there are no vacancies, your application will be stored and referred to as and when vacancies become available.

4. Secure Website

The WJEC [Secure Website](#) provides access to a range of resources including circulars, past papers and marking schemes. The Secure Website can be accessed by authorised staff at centres that work with WJEC. If your centre is not registered, please ask your exams officer to email securewebsite@wjec.co.uk stating centre number, centre name, contact name and contact email address. Your exams officer can give you access to the secure website.

5. Email Updates

Encourage your colleagues to sign up for English Language updates and be kept informed of the latest developments and important information. Visit our [website](#) to subscribe.

6. Useful Contacts

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our dedicated team.

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