

## Autumn Newsletter 2025

### GCSE and GCE French, German and Spanish

Welcome back! We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer, returning to school with batteries recharged for the new term ahead. The WJEC MFL team would like to thank you for your continued hard work and support; we look forward to working together again to educate and inspire MFL learners in Wales in this new academic year.

We at WJEC CBAC would like to remind everyone that we are here to provide support to teachers and learners in Wales. Please take a few moments to browse the newsletter for useful information and reminders.

#### NEA Key Dates

The Assessment Window for conducting GCSE and GCE Speaking Examinations will run from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April until Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Centres are only permitted to assess for 5 weeks within this period. This assessment period is not required to be continuous and allows for a break to accommodate the Easter break in each centre. The [exam timetables](#) for the 2026 summer series are also now available on the WJEC website.

#### Analysing candidates' results

##### Exam Results Analysis

You can access the Exam Results Analysis to help you understand your students' results and develop their exam skills. Exam Results Analysis on the WJEC [Portal](#) allows you to compare your students' performance on each question with that of the candidature overall, letting you see where they have done well and where there might be room for improvement. To do this, under the 'Results' tab, click on 'View/Print Item Level Data' or 'View/Print Centre Performance' for comparable data.

##### Free Access to Candidate Scripts

Schools and colleges who deliver our qualifications are able to access candidates' marked scripts from Results Day via our [Portal](#). These are available for all external assessments for Summer 2025, including all GCSEs, AS, A level and Vocational Qualifications. Each script will include the marks and any comments made by our trained examiners to help you review the performance of your learners. These can also be useful classroom aids, to show current learners strengths and common pitfalls that they should consider in future assessments.

#### Made-for-Wales GCSEs in French, German and Spanish - teaching from 2025

The new GCSE specifications in French, German and Spanish will be available to teach from September 2025. For up-to-date information, please visit the new qualification pages: [French](#), [German](#), [Spanish](#).

Professional Learning courses designed to support teachers in the delivery of the new specifications will be made available in the Autumn term. Please see the [Professional Learning programme](#) section below for more information.

## Professional Learning programme 2025/26

Our expert-led professional learning programme provides educators with the support needed to enhance their teaching and successfully deliver our qualifications.

### Assessment Feedback Package

Our new Assessment Feedback Package for 2025-26 is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how assessments are marked or moderated. This integrated suite of resources and training brings together free access to Principal Examiner reports, marked scripts, and online assessment feedback sessions. Learn more about how you and your learners can benefit from our Assessment Feedback Package here: [Assessment Feedback Package 2025-26](#). You can download the most recent Principal Examiner Report and register for FREE, online feedback events on your qualification page.

### New Made-for-Wales GCSEs

To support centres to deliver the new Made for Wales GCSEs in French, German and Spanish, the resources presented at the face-to-face Professional Learning events in the spring of 2025, are available on the [Portal](#).

A series of live, online workshops in both English and Welsh to introduce WJEC Blended Learning+ (our new teaching and learning platform to complement the Made for Wales qualifications) will be offered in September and October 2025. These online workshops are free but you will need to register to receive joining details. [GCSE French | Made for Wales](#)

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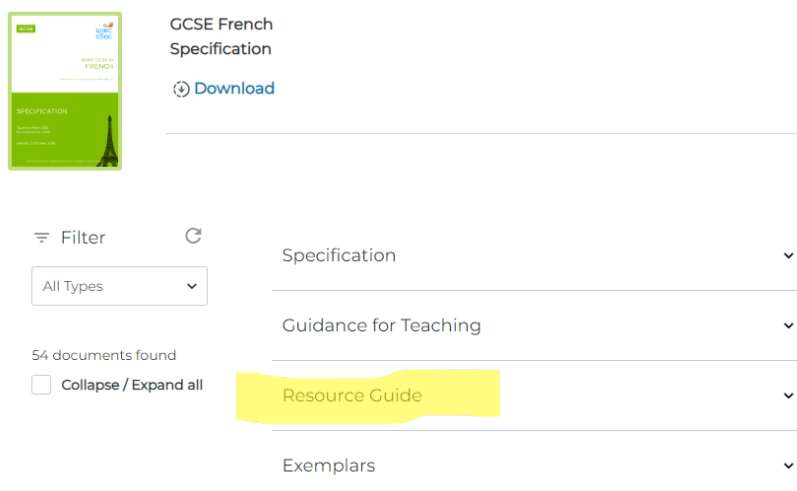
### Professional Learning for A Level

For A Level, materials from previous events remain available both on the subject webpages under 'Training > On-Demand Courses' and through the online [Portal](#). Please check our pages and updates regularly for any upcoming professional learning opportunities.

## Resources for Teaching and Learning

### Resource Guides

Our newly updated Resource Guides are available on each of the subject pages for French, German and Spanish:



GCSE French Specification

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- Specification
- Guidance for Teaching
- Resource Guide**
- Exemplars

These guides take you through how to access key resources on the different WJEC websites and systems. They may be especially useful if you are a trainee or ECT, or new to teaching with the WJEC.

### Digital Resources Website

The [Digital Resources Website](#) brings together a wide variety of useful teaching and learning resources. Click on the **Resources** link available on each of the WJEC website subject pages for GCSE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#) and GCE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#) to access the materials.

### Exam Walk Throughs

Exam Walk Throughs (EWTs) are a free resource for both GCSE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#) and GCE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#). These comprise of visual and audio PowerPoint guides to the exams, put together by our experts and designed with the learner in mind for independent use or as part of remote or blended learning.

### Teaching and Learning Guides

[Teaching and Learning Guides](#) are free resources that are produced by our experts as a suggested approach for using our online resources for teachers of French, German or Spanish. The aim is to provide flexible comprehensive support for teachers.

## Candidate Exemplar

Exemplar candidate work is available on the subject pages of the website in the 'Exemplar' tab along with the marks and examiner feedback, leading you through a review of the exam questions. They include guidance on how examiner marks and comments can be removed so that the materials can also be used as a teaching resource.

## Access to all past papers, mp3 files and mark schemes

Past papers, mp3 files and mark schemes for previous series, including 2025, can be accessed on [Portal](#). At the top of the screen, click on the 'Resources' drop-down menu and select 'Past Papers and Marking Schemes.' This will take you to a filter page. Please select the following:

- Subject                      French / German / Spanish
- Brand                         WJEC
- Level                         GCSE / GCE
- Type of document        All
- Year                         All
- Language                  English / Welsh

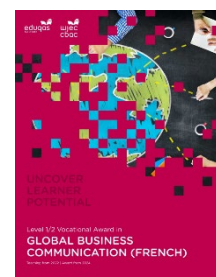
Access to Portal is given by Exams Officers, as they are the primary account holders for centres. Papers and mark schemes are stored on the secure website for 12 months after the end of an exam series before being released onto the public website.

**If you are having difficulty accessing Portal – for example, if you have forgotten your password – this Portal [FAQs page](#) will be helpful.**

# Vocational Language Qualifications

## Global Business Communication

The \*new\* revised qualification in Global Business Communication was launched for first teaching in September 2022. Please see our [website](#) for full details including specification and Sample assessment materials.



## GBC New Specification - Professional Learning

A pre-recorded presentation on preparing to teach GBC is available in the *Training>On Demand Courses* area of the GBC [French](#), [German](#) and [Spanish](#) subject pages of the website.

## GBC French/German/Spanish new specification NEA units

As described in the circular to centres in December 2024, the assessment approach has been updated for the NEA for the Global Business Communication qualifications. The published briefs will remain live for the lifetime of the qualification and will not be replaced bi-annually. The materials can be accessed from the portal at [Portal by WJEC](#).

From 2025, centre assessed NEA moderation samples were uploaded via IAMIS and not Surpass (GBC Units 1, 2 and 3). We thank centres for their support with this during the summer 2025 series and would urge centres to be mindful of file sizes and ensuring any links can be accessed externally and are still valid to evidence candidate work (it may be a good idea to save screenshots to avoid problems with expired websites).

## Language Pathways

The [Language Pathways](#) qualifications offer learners the opportunity to get formal recognition for their language learning. Students produce evidence to demonstrate their language competence from a choice of three different themes which is internally assessed and externally moderated.

Available in a range of levels (Entry Level, Level 1, and Level 2) in the following languages:

<a href="#">French</a>	<a href="#">Mandarin</a>
<a href="#">German</a>	<a href="#">Japanese</a>
<a href="#">Spanish</a>	<a href="#">Cornish</a>
<a href="#">Italian</a>	

Candidates can be entered at two points to claim their units of competence. Entries for the winter series close on the 21<sup>st</sup> October and on the 21<sup>st</sup> February for the summer series. Please see the [key dates](#) document for more detail.

For more information please see our webpage [Language Pathways](#) or contact the Subject Officer, Angharad Williams at [languages@wjec.co.uk](mailto:languages@wjec.co.uk).

## Next newsletter

The next issue will be sent out in January. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please get in touch.

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