

## GCSE Food & Nutrition

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you have had a relaxing summer break and that you and your learners are feeling excited about the year ahead.

- Allison Candy, who many of you had contact with over the years, has now retired as Subject Officer. She has not finished completely with the WJEC though – she will be Subject Chair for several subjects. The new Subject Officer is Mike Lewis. Mike has been an Appointee with the WJEC for 18 years, working in various roles such as specification and assessment writer, examiner, moderator and Principal Moderator. Having been a Food teacher for 22 years, he is excited about getting stuck into his new role.
- For learners in Year 10 that are starting GCSE WJEC Food & Nutrition this September, they will be following the new Food & Nutrition specification which can be found here [GCSE Food and Nutrition | Made for Wales](#) There are a wealth of resources available on the open website to accompany the new specification including Guidance for Teaching, new Digital Resources [Food and Nutrition - Educational Resources - WJEC](#) and a recording of the new specification briefing event and the specification walk-through module [GCSE Food and Nutrition | Made for Wales](#) There are also new Exam and NEA walk-through resources and materials from February's Preparing to Teach Face to Face events on the Portal under CPD – Resources. There will be no Professional Learning this academic year, but there will be in Autumn 2026.

Learners starting Year 11 this September will be following the legacy specification which will be its final year.

- The 2026 Summer Examination timetable can be found on the open website here [Key Dates & Timetables | WJEC](#).
- Electronic upload of internal assessment evidence for moderation has improved year on year, but can we please remind centres to upload the unit evidence as one pdf document for ease of upload and moderation. Remember, the deadline date is always May 5th. The briefs for both NEA 1 & 2 are available on the Portal for the 2026 cohort.
- Professional Learning opportunities - Our 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.

- A new Level 3 Food Science & Nutrition qualification has been written, and we are currently awaiting approval on the new specification. We are hoping to gain approval for this qualification this September to start teaching from September 2026. We will be holding Professional Learning events, which will cover the current and new specifications, in the Spring term. The dates are:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Cardiff
  - 5<sup>th</sup> March – London
  - 10<sup>th</sup> March – Manchester

There will be an online summer series review of this year's Level 3 Units. The date for this is:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> October – online, 4pm – 6pm

All of these Level 3 events can be booked here [Professional Learning | WJEC](#)

- Do you want a CPD opportunity whilst also getting paid? Then why not become a Moderator or Examiner? If you are interested, apply [HERE](#)

## Get in touch

If you have any queries – big or small – then get in touch. We are here to help and support. Have a great term!

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