

WJEC GCSE MEDIA STUDIES NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2026

Welcome back to a new year. We hope you had a great break!

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1. EXAMINER AND MODERATOR VACANCIES

Are you interested in enhancing your subject knowledge, getting extensive training on assessment and networking with experienced teachers and professionals, all at the same time as earning money? If so, you should consider becoming a GCSE, AS or A Level examiner or moderator.

We are now recruiting for the 2026 exam series; complete an online application today or contact media@wjec.co.uk with any questions.

2. EXEMPLAR MATERIALS

Exemplar from the 2025 series is available for all units for GCSE, AS and A Level on [Portal](#). This contains unannotated and annotated responses to selected questions and NEA from the 2025 assessment series.

[Portal](#) also includes a range of materials to support teaching, including materials from previous CPD events, past exam papers and mark schemes and non-exam assessment briefs.

3. DIGITAL RESOURCES

Our Digital Resources Team is developing resources to support the new topics which are being introduced within this new Made-for-Wales qualification. Some resources are now live and can be found here: <https://resources.wjec.co.uk/en>.

4. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN SCREEN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

We are delighted to announce that WJEC is working in partnership with [Ravensbourne University](#) to deliver an innovative joint conference on 'AI In Screen Education'.

The conference will be held at Ravensbourne University, London from 31st March – 1st April 2026. For more information, visit our website: [Get involved with our Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) in Screen Education Conference](#).

5. KEY DATES

Tuesday 10 th March 2026	GCSE - Internal Assessment Mark Input System (IAMIS) opens for Unit 3 NEA marks to be submitted.
Tuesday 5 th May 2026	GCSE NEA SUBMISSION DEADLINE Centres' samples must be uploaded to IAMIS BY this date.
Monday 18 th May (pm) 2026	GCSE Unit 1 Examination
Tuesday 2 nd June (pm) 2026	GCSE Unit 2 Examination
Thursday 20 th August 2026	GCSE Results Day

Source: [Key Dates and Timetables webpage](#).

6. NEW MADE FOR WALES GCSE DIGITAL MEDIA AND FILM

We are excited to launch the new specification for GCSE Digital Media and Film. Here are some key dates for your diaries including information on upcoming Professional Learning opportunities.

Key dates:

Publish guidance for teaching: 22nd January 2026

PL Events and Materials:

PL Type	Aims	Format and Notes
*Preparing to Teach (face-to-face) Available from 09/02/26 to 27/03/26 Registrations for the Pan Wales INSET days will be collected via your head teacher. No registrations through WJEC's website.	<i>To support teaching the new specification. There will be a focus on understanding the assessments, assessment objectives, content and teaching approaches based on the specification, sample assessment materials and guidance for teaching.</i>	<i>These days take place on designated regional INSET days - there are 12 days in this series held across Wales, including 2 Welsh medium days and 1 bilingual day. Registrations will be collected via your head teacher/head of centre.</i> <i>These events will be led by WJEC Subject Advisors and our expert presenting teams.</i>
Exam and NEA Walk-throughs Available summer term 2026 Access via the WJEC Portal secure website.	<i>To support you and your learners to understand the structure of question papers/NEA briefs, question types, assessment objectives and marking methods.</i>	<i>These pre-recorded PPT will initially be published on the WJEC Portal secure website only.</i>

*Your designated regional WJEC face-to-face INSET date (Preparing to Teach) can be found here: [Made-for-Wales GCSEs - Professional Learning | TGAU Gwneud-i-Gymru - Dysgu Proffesiynol](#).

7. CONTACT US

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Media Studies team at media@wjec.co.uk or 029 2240 4308.