

WJEC GCSE MEDIA STUDIES

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

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1. 2025 Principal Examiner Report

The 2025 GCSE Principal Examiner Report, providing a summary of the feedback on all units, will be available on the Media Studies [webpage](#) by the end of September.

The report reflects on the 2025 assessment series, and offers advice from the Principal Examiners and Moderators that can be used to support effective teaching and assessment strategies.

2. Moderation Centre Reports

NEA Moderation reports for individual centres will be available to download from Portal as of results day via the internal assessment tab. Please ensure you download and read your report as it contains vital information and advice regarding your centre's assessment of NEA. Please note that centre reports will no longer be available on Portal from December.

3. Autumn Term Professional Learning opportunities

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, as well as a range of optional paid face-to-face Professional Learning events. 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.

Date	Location	Event
15 th October 2025	Online	Feedback on GCSE Summer Assessments

CPD Materials from all previous CPD events are available on [Portal](#).

4. Moving Image Awards

The deadline for [Moving Image Award](#) entries is Monday 30th September. Please complete this form to submit an entry: [Moving Image Award Entry Form](#).

The awards ceremony will take place on Friday 13th February 2026 at BFI Southbank.

5. 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](#).

6. Key Dates 2025-26

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](#).

7. Exemplar Materials

Exemplar from the 2025 series will be available for all components for GCSE, AS and A Level from October. This contains unannotated and annotated responses to selected questions and NEA briefs 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.

8. 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 approved specifications: 30th September 2025

Publish sample assessment materials: 17th December 2025

Publish guidance for teaching: 22nd January 2026

PL Events and Materials:

PL Type	Aims	Format and Notes
Your Guide to the new specification module Available from end of September 2025	<i>To support your understanding of the specification document.</i>	<i>This asynchronous module will be on the "training on demand" tab of your qualification page on the WJEC website. You will need to register to access a link to view.</i>
Parent / Options evening flyers Available from end of September 2025	<i>To support you to provide information to parents and learners before start of study.</i>	<i>This PDF will be published on your qualification's home page.</i>
Live Online Qualification Briefing & Q&A Available 2nd half autumn term 2025. Events are open for registration. Visit the Training tab on your new qualification's webpage to view dates and register. WJEC GCSE Digital Media & Film (English) FREE 13th Nov 2025 WJEC GCSE Digital Media & Film (Welsh) FREE 18th Nov 2025	<i>To support your understanding of the new qualification, its content and assessment structure. The live event will also refer to resources and upcoming PL and offer an opportunity to put questions to our Subject Teams and specification experts.</i>	<i>These live online events will be advertised on the WJEC website, and you will be required to register via a link. They will be hosted on Teams Live (Townhall).</i> <i>The events will be presented by WJEC Subject Advisors with Q&A support from WJEC Subject Officers. There will be English medium and Welsh medium events (except for English and Welsh qualifications).</i>
*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:
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9. 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.