

GCSE English Language and English Literature Newsletter

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Welcome back. We hope you have had a good summer and are returning refreshed for the new term.

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1. Summer 2018 examinations

GCSE results in English Language and English Literature were published in August. The papers and mark schemes are now available to view on our [secure website](#). If you don't have access, please contact your exams officer. To locate them, select 'Past Papers & Marking Schemes' from the 'Resources Menu' at the top of the screen:



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Remember that 20 September is the last date for receipt of applications for ROMMAs and 27 September the deadline for the request of electronic copies of scripts for teaching and learning purposes. Please see our website for more details.

If you haven't already seen your NEA moderation report, you can access this via the [WJEC secure website](#). Click on 'Internal Assessment' then the relevant examination series (e.g. GCSE English Literature Summer 2018) and you will be able to 'View Moderator Report'.

2. Analysing candidates' results

WJEC Eduqas offers two services to help you understand your students' results and develop their exam skills: Exam Results Analysis and Online Exam Review.

Exam Results Analysis on the [secure website](#) 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.

In helping centres interpret their examination results, WJEC has produced [guidance on using item level data](#) to evaluate performance and identify strengths and weaknesses for individuals and cohorts.

[Online Exam Review](#) provides a number of marked exemplars of candidate responses to key questions in an interactive format. These allow students to mark others' work and discuss ways in which it may be improved, thus developing their own skills. Exemplars from the Summer 2018 examinations are available now for [GCSE English Language](#) and [GCSE English Literature](#).

3. Principal Examiners' reports

In conjunction with item level data analysis, centres would find it useful to read the Principal Examiners' Reports [[English Language](#) and [English Literature](#)] in reviewing learners' examination performances. You are advised to read them carefully as they provide helpful observations and commentary on candidates' work this series.

4. English Language Unit 1: Oracy Non-examination assessment

The English Language non-examination assessment stimulus materials for candidates entering in 2019 are on the secure website as normal. The Oracy record keeping sheets are located alongside them as well as on the subject landing page of the WJEC public website.

If you do not have access to the secure website, please contact the examinations officer at your centre.

Centres are reminded that, where candidates are re-taking the non-examination assessment unit, candidates must complete new work for both tasks within that unit, so that all work presented for assessment is new.

IAMIS opens for the submission of marks on 22nd October; samples should be with the moderator by 5th November.

5. CPD autumn 2018

This autumn, we will be providing CPD meetings to review the recent English Language and English Literature GCSE assessments and Examiners' Reports, and explore marked candidates' work. It will also consider how feedback on assessments can inform, develop and improve teaching and learning.

For GCSE English Language, there will be a series of webinar events this autumn, while the regular face-to-face events will take place in January and February of 2019.

To find your nearest meeting and to book your place, please visit our [website](#).

The materials from previous CPD meetings are available on the [WJEC secure website](#). To locate them, click on 'Resources' and select the link 'Subject Specific Support Materials including CPD'.

6. Have you considered becoming an Examiner?

As the entry for WJEC GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature is growing, we are keen to appoint new examiners. Examining is an excellent way of learning more about the requirements of the exam and thus supporting your students and developing your skills. It also provides a useful additional income. For further details, please see the [appointees section](#) of the website.

7. Develop WJEC GCSE skills through WJEC ELC English

The WJEC Entry Level Certificate in English has been redesigned to more closely reflect the GCSE in English Language. It can therefore provide a useful stepping stone, or a complement for students already following the course. Full details of the qualification and the free training being offered this autumn may be found on the [website](#). Please note that this qualification is available in both England and Wales.

8. Key dates

Key dates for the coming year have been posted on the WJEC website:

- [GCSE English Language](#)
- [GCSE English Literature](#)
- [Entry Level](#)

9. 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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