

WJEC GCSE History Newsletter, April 2025

Welcome back. We hope you have all enjoyed a well-deserved and restful break.

This newsletter outlines some key information and resources to support you with the smooth running of the final part of the academic year. We hope that you can make use of these to assist your students in the build up to the examinations. It also contains information regarding the decision to delay first teaching of the new History GCSE.

Summer Examinations 2025

A copy of the full timetable can be found [here](#).

Unit 1 Studies in Depth - Wales and the wider perspective 1hr	Friday 16th May 2025 (morning)
Unit 2 Studies in Depth - History with a European/world focus 1hr	Thursday 5th June 2025 (morning)
Unit 3 Thematic Studies from a broad historical perspective 1hr 15m	Tuesday 10th June 2025 (afternoon)

Unit 4: Working as an Historian/NEA Submissions

A full list of key dates can be found [here](#).

Marks will need to be submitted via IAMIS. Mark input screens for submitting June 2025 centre assessed marks **open** Monday **10th March 2025**. The moderator needs to receive the sample by no later than **5th May 2025**.

Details of your moderator are generally available on the WJEC Portal secure website in the April of each year. Do not assume that your moderator will be the same every year. All resources relating to the administration of the NEA can be found [here](#).

Together with the sample work, you should send the moderator a separate file containing:

- the [H1 form](#) (even though the marks have been presented electronically)
- the [H2 authentication form](#) for each candidate within the sample
- copies of the exercises, including source packs and mark scheme if they have been contextualised
- any further information the moderator needs to know (for example if you have made a substitution to the selected sample)

GCSE Resources

Please do visit the [Digital Resources Website](#) to access a range of resources that can be used to support both learning and teaching of History GCSE.

We have some excellent Knowledge Organisers that could be used for revision or as a starting point for creating your own and Blended Learning resources that can be utilised in the classroom or as part of a blended/flipped learning programme.

New Made for Wales GCSE History

On the 6th of February WJEC, Qualifications Wales and Welsh Government announced that the first teaching for our Made-for-Wales GCSE History has been changed from September 2025 to 2026.

This means that **first teaching of GCSE History will now begin in September 2026** as part of a second wave of new reformed GCSEs. The extra year will give teachers more time to familiarise themselves with the new content and resources. **The content of this qualification will remain as outlined in the final specification** published by WJEC in September 2025.

We would like to remind teachers/lecturers that the approved Specification, Sample Assessment Materials and Guidance for Teaching are available from their [subject webpage](#). These documents will aid your preparatory work.

We would also like to remind teacher/lecturers that our Digital Resources Team continue to publish a raft of FREE resources to support your preparatory work. Further information on these resources is [available here](#).

The current GCSE specification will be extended by one year, **allowing Year 10 learners starting their GCSEs in September 2025 to follow the existing curriculum**. For Unit 4: Working as a Historian, the current 2025-2027 NEA approval remains valid for candidates completing their qualification up to Summer 2027.

Best wishes to you and your learners as you prepare them to sit the summer exams.

Please do get in touch if we can assist you in any way

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