

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

WJEC MEDIA STUDIES

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1. GCSE QUALIFICATION UPDATE

The new WJEC GCSE Digital Media and Film qualification is currently in the early stages of development. September 2025 will be the final time centres should begin delivery of the current WJEC GCSE Media Studies two-year course. Summer 2027 will be the final full assessment opportunity for this qualification. There will be a final resit opportunity available in January 2028 subject to demand. The resit opportunity will only be available to post-16 candidates who have previously cashed-in the qualification prior to January 2028. From September 2026, learners must not be entered into this legacy GCSE in Year 10.

You are invited to join our official [Facebook teachers’ group](#) for the forthcoming WJEC GCSE Digital Media and Film qualification.

2. NON-EXAM ASSESSMENT

COVERSHEETS

Please note that revised versions of the coversheets were published in 2024, and these **must** be used for assessment in 2025.

The coversheets have been revised to include a statement about the use of AI in the candidate and teacher/assessor declaration.

SUBMISSION

Please note that the deadlines for submission of Non-Exam Assessment (NEA) for assessment are:

- GCSE – 5th May
- AS and A Level – 15th May

These dates are set, and do not change from year to year.

The GCSE deadline year falls on a Bank Holiday this year, therefore inputting marks a week prior to the 5th May deadline is highly recommended.

Media Studies NEA marks will be uploaded onto our Internal Assessment Mark Input System (IAMIS) on [Portal](#) (the secure website). From summer 2025, Media Studies NEA samples, which were previously uploaded via Surpass, must also be uploaded via IAMIS on [Portal](#). This means that keycodes are no longer required.

Please be aware that centres will need to factor in the time needed to upload the sample folders after the sample has been generated, and therefore we do recommend that marks be uploaded a week before the upload deadline.

If you are responsible for entering marks and uploading work on IAMIS, please ensure you have an account on [Portal](#). Your Exams Officer will set you up with this account.

Please ensure when uploading work that all candidate declaration forms have been signed by **both** the candidate and the teacher prior to uploading.

We have several guides which provide information on how to submit the NEA work on IAMIS for moderation:

General guidance:

- [WJEC E-Submission webpage](#)
Contains guidance about all aspects of the NEA submission process, including frequently asked questions.
- [E-Submission Centre Guide](#)
Guidance on the process of submitting work for moderation.
- [E-Submission Subject Guide](#)
Published in the Spring term, provides details on accepted file types/upload limits etc. for each subject.
- [Internal Assessment Mark Input System \(IAMIS\) step-by-step guide](#)
Describes how to submit marks and upload work to IAMIS.
- [Centre's guide to using IAMIS for NEA submissions](#)
Video guide on submitting marks and uploading work to IAMIS.

3. RESOURCES

EXAM QUESTION DIRECTORIES

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[A Level Exam Question Directory](#)

[GCSE Exam Question Directory](#)

EXEMPLAR MATERIALS

Exemplar from the 2024 series is now available for all components for GCSE, AS and A Level. This contains unannotated and annotated responses to selected questions and NEA briefs from the 2024 assessment series. This replaces the Online Exam Review in 2024 and can be found on [Portal](#)

(the secure website).

[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.

Please see our *Useful Resources Guides* [AS/A Level](#) / [GCSE](#) for further details on all our resources and where they can be found. We are in the process of updating the resources for A Level Unit 3: *Media in the Global Age* and these will be available shortly.

4. CPD AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING EVENTS

CPD Materials from all previous CPD events, including the Autumn 2024 WJEC GCSE and AS/A Level Assessment and Classroom Practice sessions, are available on the portal website. Teachers can access these by logging into [Portal](#) and selecting Resources > Subject Specific Support Material including CPD and exemplars, and then using the filters to access the WJEC CPD materials for GCSE and GCE.

5. PRINCIPAL EXAMINER REPORTS

The GCSE, AS and A Level Examiner Reports on the 2024 series are now available on the subject pages. These reports reflect on the 2024 assessment series, and they offer advice from the Principal Examiners and Moderators that can be used to support effective teaching and assessment strategies.

[GCSE](#)

[AS/A Level](#)

6. MEDIA STUDIES KEY DATES 2025

Monday 10 March	GCSE - Internal Assessment Mark Input System (IAMIS) opens for Unit 3 NEA marks to be submitted
Tuesday 1 April	AS/A Level - Internal Assessment Mark Input System (IAMIS) opens for Unit 2/4 NEA marks to be submitted
Monday 28 April	GCSE - <i>Recommended U3 NEA mark submission deadline</i>
Monday 5 May	GCSE NEA SUBMISSION DEADLINE Centres' samples must be uploaded to IAMIS BY this date.
Thursday 8 May	AS/A Level - <i>Recommended U2/4 NEA mark submission deadline</i>
Thursday 15 May	AS/A LEVEL NEA SUBMISSION DEADLINE Centres' samples must be uploaded to IAMIS BY this date.
Tuesday 13 May (pm)	WJEC AS Unit 1 Examination
Wednesday 14 May (pm)	WJEC GCSE Unit 1 Examination
Monday 19 May (pm)	WJEC A Level Unit 3 Examination
Thursday 22 May (pm)	WJEC GCSE Unit 2 Examination

Thursday 14 August	AS/A Level Results Day
Thursday 21 August	GCSE Results Day

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

7. CENTRE MAP

[Sign up to our Centre Map](#) to network and share good practice with other centres taking WJEC Media Studies in your area.

Once you have added your details to the centre map, you will be given the link to view the map. Please save this link so you can access the map in future. If you do lose the link or would like to amend any of your details, please contact media@wjec.co.uk.

8. 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.