

GCSE English Language and English Literature Newsletter

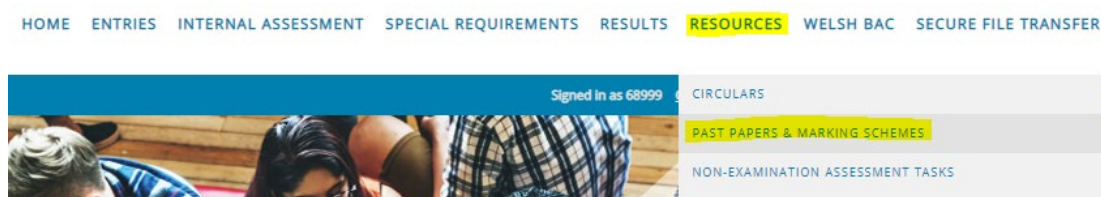
January 2023

Welcome back. We hope that you had a relaxing Christmas break and that you are ready for the new term.

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1. November 2022 examinations

GCSE results for English Language will be published on the 12 January 2023. The papers and mark schemes will be 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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The **16 February 2023** is the final date for receipt of applications for clerical checks, reviews of marking, reviews of moderation or other results enquiries. It is also the final date for the request of electronic copies of scripts for teaching and learning purposes. Please see our [website](#) for more details.

2. November 2022 Principal Examiners' report

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

3. GCSE English Literature resit requirements for 2023

An FAQ document for the GCSE English Literature resit requirements for 2023 can be found [here](#). The FAQ document is to be read in conjunction with the [WJEC Guide to resits for November 2022, January 2023 and Summer 2023](#).

Please note, these requirements apply only for candidates who cashed-in in 2022 and not other previous series.

4. Advance Information

Advance information for the January series for GCSE English Literature is available now via the [subject webpage](#).

The advance information document provides the focus of the content of the January 2023 examination papers. It does not apply to any other examination series. It is intended to support revision. It may be used at any time from the date of release. It must not be taken into the examination.

Advance information for the Summer 2023 series for GCSE English Language and English Literature will be available on the **6 February** via the WJEC website. Summary guidance on advance information for 2023 is available [here](#).

5. Non-examination assessment

English Language Unit 1 Oracy

Please be aware that this, and all future exam series, will be un-adapted. Therefore, for GCSE English Language Unit 1 Oracy, candidates are required to complete both *Task 1: Individual Research Presentation* and *Task 2: Responding and Interacting*. The stimulus materials for Task 2 can be accessed via the WJEC secure website. The stimulus materials are for assessment in Autumn 2022, Summer 2023 and Autumn 2023.

The next set of stimulus materials, due to be uploaded on 1 September 2023, will be for assessment in Summer 2024 and Autumn 2024, following the same pattern that was established when the specification was first taught in 2015.

IAMIS opens on 10 March with the deadline for mark submissions/samples being the 24 March. Centres will have to upload their learners' Individual Researched Presentations and Group Discussions via Surpass, along with the new [record keeping mark sheets](#) and any notes that were used during the assessments. For learners wishing to re-sit the qualification after entering it in the November, a carry-forward of marks is available as outlined in the specification.

English Literature Unit 3 NEA

The English Literature non-examination task for candidates whose work will be submitted in March 2024 is now available on the secure website. It can be accessed by navigating to Resources at the top of the screen - non-examination assessment tasks - fill in the dropdown tabs on the options screen - English Literature - WJEC - GCSE - Non-Examination Assessment Tasks - 2022. The tasks for 2025 will be posted in April.

There is a wide range of marked exemplar available on the secure website to help centres standardise their NEA marking. The exemplar has been marked and annotated by the Principal Moderator. It can be accessed by navigating to Resources - Subject specific support material inc CPD and exemplars - and then fill in the drop down boxes on the options screen. If you do not have access to the secure website, please contact the examinations officer at your centre.

Centres are reminded that there are a range of resources to support the teaching and learning of the poems in the anthology. The resources can be

accessed [here](#). Theatre Adhoc have kindly created readings from the GCSE poetry anthology which can be accessed [here](#).

IAMIS opens for the submission of NEA marks on March 9th. The deadline for the sample to be with the moderator is March 24th for mainstream centres and May 5th for FE colleges, sixth form centres and special schools. Moderator details will be shown once the marks have been inputted.

Please be aware that there is also a new [English Literature Unit 3 Coversheet](#).

6. New Teaching and Learning Resources

We are delighted to showcase new teaching and learning resources developed by WJEC to support teachers and learners.

There are a range of new blended learning resources available for GCSE English Literature on our Digital Resources site that are designed to complement traditional face-to-face teaching with an online learning pack that allows learners to work at their own pace. They can be used as revision by learners, as part of catch-up, or for flipped learning. These resources contain interactive self-study content covering

- [Developing critical analysis](#)
- [To Kill A Mockingbird](#)
- [Macbeth](#)
- [Romeo and Juliet](#)
- [Making meaningful comparisons](#)
- [A View from the Bridge](#)
- [Lord of the Flies](#)
- [Bridging Unit: English Language / Literature](#)

Blended learning resources are also available for GCSE English Language on our Digital Resources site and contain interactive self-study content covering

- [Reading skills](#)
- [Word meaning](#)
- [Analysing text](#)
- [Implied meaning](#)
- [Summarising information](#)
- [Comparison](#)
- [Synthesis](#)
- [Editing](#)
- [Sequencing information](#)
- [Identifying and retrieving](#)
- [Technical accuracy](#)
- [Developing detail](#)
- [Exam writing tasks](#)
- [Structuring a response](#)
- [Proofreading](#)
- [Planning](#)

Our Digital Resources site also houses a collection of Knowledge Organisers, which could be used for revision or as a starting point for creating your own knowledge organisers. Explore our series for GCSE English Literature [here](#). Explore our series for GCSE English Language [here](#).

We also have Exam Walk-Throughs, aimed at learners, for each examined unit. These resources offer practical hints and tips on how to effectively approach questions in the examination paper. Using questions from past exam papers, the PowerPoint with audio help and audio script in the notes will walk learners through a mock examination paper, helping them revise and practise useful exam techniques.

[GCSE English Literature Exam Walk-Throughs](#)

[GCSE English Language Exam Walk-Throughs](#)

7. Professional Learning

For GCSE English Literature, there will be two online webinars reviewing Units 2 and 3 from the summer 2022 series. The dates are:

[2 February 2023 - Unit 3 \(4-6pm\)](#)

[9 February 2023 - Unit 2 \(4-6pm\)](#)

8. 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.

9. Key dates

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

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

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