

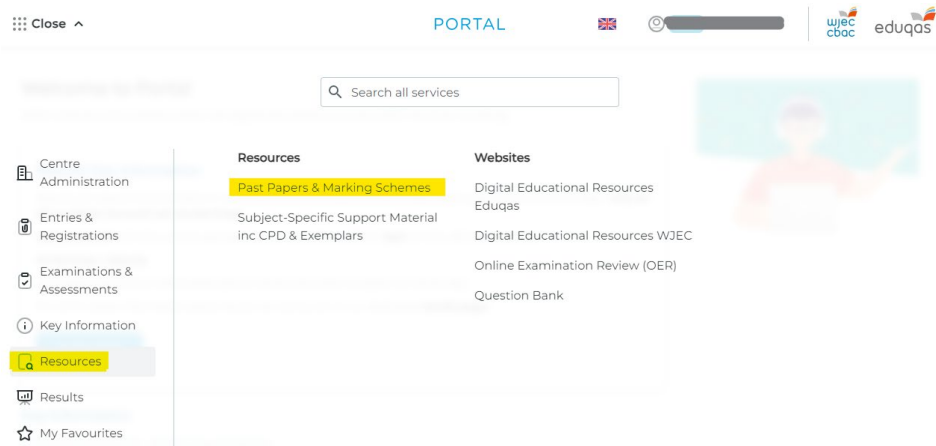
GCSE English Language and English Literature Newsletter September 2024

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

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1. Summer 2024 Results

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



Then use the dropdown menus to choose the papers or marking schemes that you are looking for:

Past Papers

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Remember that 26 September is the last date for receipt of applications for Reviews of Marking and Reviews of Moderation (ROMMAs) and 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 secure [Portal](#). Click on 'Internal Assessment' then the relevant examination series (e.g. GCSE English Literature Summer 2024) and you will be able to 'View Moderator Report'. Moderators' reports can only be downloaded until the 31st of December 2024.

For the summer 2024 series, a free, unannotated scripts service is available for GCSE English Language (3700U20-1 and 3700U30-1) and GCSE English Literature (3720U10-1, 3720UA0-1, 3720U20-1, 3720UB0-1, 3720U30-1 and 3720UC0-1). Centres can download scripts on behalf of candidates via WJEC Portal which also includes instructions on the process.

2. Analysing Candidates Results

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

Exam Results Analysis on the [Portal](#) allows you to compare your learners' 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.

[Online Exam Review](#) provides a number of marked exemplars, from previous years, of candidate responses to key questions in an interactive format. These allow learners to mark others' work and discuss ways in which it may be improved, thus developing their own skills. Exemplars from the Summer 2024 examinations are available now on the [Portal](#) for GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature.

3. Principal Examiners' Reports

The Principal Examiners' reports for GCSE [English Language](#) and [English Literature](#) provide feedback on the previous series and are available on the website subject pages. Please read them carefully as they provide helpful observations and commentary on candidates' performance across the examined series that could help prepare learners for the next series. Each report has a handy bullet pointed list at the end of each section to summarise key point and areas of concern and success as well as links to useful resources at the beginning of the report.

4. Autumn 2024 Examinations

The GCSE English Language Unit 1: Oracy submission deadline is 5th November and 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 summer, a carry-forward of marks is available as outlined in the specification.

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

The Unit 2 examination is [timetabled](#) for the morning of 4th November and the Unit 3 examination is timetabled for the morning of the 6th November.

The publication of results for the Autumn 2024 examination series will be 9th January.

5. Professional Learning (CPD) 2024/25

Autumn Term Professional Learning opportunities

Our new Assessment Feedback Package for 2024-25 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 2024-25 \(wjec.co.uk\)](#). You can download the most recent Principal Examiner Report and register for FREE, online feedback events on your qualification page.

New Made for Wales GCSE English Language & Literature

We are excited to launch the new specification for WJEC GCSE English Language & Literature. Here are some key dates for your diaries including information on upcoming Professional Learning opportunities.

[Key dates](#)

Approved Specifications Published: 30th September 2024

Publication of Sample Assessment Materials: 19th December 2024

Guidance for Teaching Published: 31st January 2025

[PL Events and Materials](#)

PL Type	Aims	Format and Notes
<p>Your Guide to the new specification module</p> <p>Available from end of September 2024</p>	<p>To support your understanding of the specification document.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Parent / Options evening flyers</p> <p>Available from end of September 2024</p>	<p>To support you to provide information to parents and learners before start of study.</p>	<p>This PDF will be published on your qualification's home page.</p>
<p>Live Online Qualification Briefing & Q&A</p> <p>Available 2nd half autumn term 2024.</p> <p>Events are open for registration.</p> <p>Visit the <i>Training</i> tab on your new qualification's webpage to view dates and register.</p> <p>WJEC GCSE English Language & Literature: Specification briefing</p> <p>25 November</p> <p>2 December</p> <p>9 December</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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).</p> <p>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).</p>

<p>* Preparing to Teach (face-to-face)</p> <p>Available from 14/02/25 to 07/04/25</p> <p>Registrations for the Pan Wales INSET days will be collected via your head teacher. No registrations through WJEC's website.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>These events will be led by WJEC Subject Advisors and our expert presenting teams.</p>
<p>Exam and NEA Walk-throughs</p> <p>Available summer Term 2025</p> <p>Access via the WJEC Portal secure website</p>	<p>To support you and your learners to understand the structure of question papers/NEA briefs, question types, assessment objectives and marking methods.</p>	<p>These pre-recorded PPT will initially be published on the WJEC Portal secure website only.</p>

* Your designated regional WJEC face-to-face INSET date (Preparing to Teach) can be found here: [Made-for-Wales GCSEs \(wjec.co.uk\)](https://www.wjec.co.uk/made-for-wales-gcse)

The materials from previous CPD meetings are available on the training tab of both the WJEC English Language and English Literature subject pages on the WJEC website.

6. Resources

For both of our GCSE English qualifications, our teams have created many digital resources that will offer invaluable support in preparing learners for their assessments.

English Language

A wide range of free digital resources has been developed to support the teaching and learning of WJEC GCSE English Language and these are available from our [Educational Resources](#) website.

- [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 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.

English Literature

There are a wide range of new and engaging resources tailored to support you in delivering WJEC GCSE English Literature. These can be found on the [Resources](#) tab on the website.

Under [Digital Resources](#), you will find: our interactive [Blended Learning Resources](#), our [Knowledge Organisers](#) and [Exam Walk Throughs](#) for each of the English Literature examinations.

Our Blended Learning Resources and Knowledge Organisers 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 tools, as part of catch-up, or for flipped learning.

Our Knowledge Organisers can be accessed here:

- [A Christmas Carol](#)
- [A View from the Bridge](#)
- [About a Boy](#)
- [An Inspector Calls](#)
- [Context](#)
- [Critical Analysis](#)
- [Heroes](#)
- [Literary Presentations](#)
- [Lord of the Flies](#)
- [Macbeth \(NEA 1\)](#)
- [Macbeth \(NEA 2\)](#)
- [Meaningful Comparisons](#)
- [Of Mice and Men](#)
- [Romeo and Juliet \(NEA 1\)](#)
- [Romeo and Juliet \(NEA 2\)](#)
- [To Kill a Mockingbird \(1\)](#)
- [To Kill a Mockingbird \(2\)](#)
- [Unseen Poetry Comparison](#)

Our Blended Learning Resources can be accessed here:

- [Unit 2a: An Inspector Calls](#)
- [Unit 2a: Heroes](#)
- [Unit 2b: A Christmas Carol](#)
- [Unit 2b: Blood Brothers](#)
- [Unit 1B: Unseen poetry](#)
- [Unit 1A: Of Mice and Men](#)
- [KS3-4 Bridging Unit: English Language/Literature](#)
- [Unit 2b: Lord of the Flies](#)
- [Unit 2b: A View from the Bridge](#)
- [Unit 1b: Making meaningful comparisons](#)
- [Unit 3a: Romeo and Juliet](#)
- [Unit 3a: Macbeth](#)
- [Developing Critical Analysis](#)
- [Making Productive use of Contextual Understanding](#)
- [Exploring Literary Presentations](#)

We also have [Welsh Writing in English, Poetry Resources](#).

[Sample Assessment Materials](#) are available within the Key Documents tab on the WJEC GCSE English Literature subject page. This document contains sample examination papers and detailed marking guidelines. We also have a wealth of Exemplar Material within the [Key Documents](#) tab.

The [Teachers' Guide](#) offers detailed advice on ways to successfully deliver the specification, from guidance in delivering the NEA and advice for examination preparation, to long-term course plans and mark schemes. Furthermore, we have a detailed [Resource Guide](#), which is an essential document for teachers as it curates the key support, guidance and resources offered by WJEC.

7. Have you considered becoming an examiner?

As the entries for WJEC GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature grow, 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 learners and developing your skills. It also provides a useful additional income. For further details, please see the [appointees section](#) of the website.

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. WJEC GCSE English Language June 2025 e-submission

In 2025, centre assessed NEA moderation samples will be uploaded via IAMIS. Centres will be able to input marks and upload samples on the same system and will not need to wait for key codes. More information will be provided via a circular in September.

10. Remembering Stuart Sage

It is with great sadness that we share with you the news that Stuart Sage, Principal Moderator and an integral member of the WJEC GCSE English Literature family over many, many years, has passed away. Many of you may remember him from the many CPD events he presented over the years. We will miss him hugely and want to recognise the significant part he has played in shaping WJEC GCSE English Literature qualifications and assessments for generations of teachers and their learners.

11. 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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