

WJEC GCSE History Newsletter, Spring 2024

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

Summer Examinations 2024

Unit 1 Studies in Depth – Wales and the wider perspective 1hr	Wednesday 15th May 2024 (morning)
Unit 2 Studies in Depth – History with a European/world focus 1hr	Tuesday 4th June 2024 (afternoon)
Unit 3 Thematic Studies from a broad historical perspective 1hr 15m	Tuesday 11th June 2024 (afternoon)

Unit 4: Working as an Historian/NEA Submissions

Marks will need to be submitted via IAMIS. Samples will be sent directly to the moderator. The moderator needs to receive the sample by no later than Sunday **5th May 2024**. Details of your moderator are generally available on the 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)

New proposals need to be submitted for the period **2025-2027**, the proposal form must be submitted **electronically** to the WJEC subject support officer at least **six weeks before** the centre intends to begin the NEA unit. A reminder that the NEA must be from a content area **not studied** in the rest of the specification.

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 in the classroom or as part of a blended/flipped learning programme.

Entry Pathways – Humanities

Entry Pathways Humanities is a qualification that allows learners to achieve credit for their work across units drawn from **History**, Geography and Religious Studies, with assessment criteria designed to complement the WJEC GCSE qualifications in these subjects. Centres can select units that are drawn from one or more of these subjects to allow candidates who may not be able to display a successful outcome at GCSE to achieve an Award, Certificate or Diploma in Humanities at Entry Level 2 or Entry Level 3. Further information about the Entry Pathway Humanities qualification can be found [here](#).

New Qualification GCSE History proposed first teaching from September 2025

WJEC has begun the process of developing the new GCSE History specification based on the proposal published by Qualifications Wales. A consultation on the WJEC GCSE qualification was completed in November. The new GCSE specification will be completed for September 2024, with first teaching scheduled to begin September 2025; the first year of assessment for the new GCSE is scheduled for summer 2026. This will be a two-year unitised qualification. You can access further information relating to the new GCSE [here](#).

All the best with the teaching and best wishes to learners sitting the summer exams. Please do get in touch if we can assist you in any way.

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