

WJEC AS/A LEVEL MEDIA STUDIES

Newsletter – January 2025

Welcome back to a new year. We hope you had a great break!

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1. EXAMINER AND MODERATOR VACANCIES

Are you interested in enhancing your subject knowledge, getting extensive training on assessment and networking with experienced teachers and professionals, all at the same time as earning money?

If so, you should consider becoming a GCSE, AS or A Level examiner or moderator.

We are now recruiting for the 2025 exam series; complete an online application today or contact media@wjec.co.uk with any questions.

2. 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.

3. CPD/PROFESSIONAL LEARNING EVENTS

CPD Materials from all previous CPD events are available on the [Portal](#) (the secure website). Exams Officers will have been sent login instructions.)

4. EXEMPLAR MATERIALS

Exemplar from the 2024 series will be available for all components for GCSE, AS and A Level from October. 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](#) (the secure website) 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.

5. NON-EXAM SUBMISSION: NO MORE SURPASS!

From summer 2025, Media Studies NEA samples, which were previously uploaded via Surpass, must be uploaded via [Portal](#) (the secure website).

Media Studies NEA samples will be uploaded onto our Internal Assessment Mark Input System (IAMIS). This will save time as upload of marks and upload of samples can be completed together within one system without the need to wait 48 hours for a key code (key codes are not necessary on IAMIS).

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.

Further instructions have been sent to Exams Officers, and more information will be provided later in the year.

6. RESOURCES

Free resources to support teachers in the delivery of AS and A Level Media Studies are available under 'Digital Resources' on the [GCSE](#) and [GCE](#) webpages, or on the [WJEC Resources Website](#).

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We also have FAQs covering all aspects of the specification for AS/A Level. You can access the FAQs on the WJEC Media Studies webpage under 'Key Documents', or at the link below:

[WJEC AS/A Level Media Studies FAQs](#)

7. 2024 EXAMINER REPORTS

The 2024 GCSE and GCE Interim Examiner Reports, providing a summary of the feedback on all units, are now available on the subject pages:

[GCSE](#)

[AS/A Level](#)

The Final Examiner Reports providing detailed commentary on candidate performance in each unit will be published by 30th September 2024. The final 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.

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 4302.