

WJEC Newsletter – January 2026

GCE Government and Politics

Happy New Year!

First of all, we hope you have enjoyed a restful break over the past few weeks and that you and your candidates are back and raring to go for the upcoming examination series (it'll be here before we know it!). On which point, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of this year's examination dates. They are, in unit order:

- Unit 1 – Thursday, 14 May 2026 (Afternoon)
- Unit 2 – Wednesday, 20 May 2026 (Afternoon)
- Unit 3 – Thursday, 21 May 2026 (Morning)
- Unit 4 – Monday, 8 June 2026 (Morning)

Examination terminology

As you may be aware if you have viewed the Summer 2025 examination feedback recording (see below), there will be an adjustment to question phrasing across all GCE Government and Politics examination papers from Summer 2026. We will advise you of the specific detail via a circular in the coming weeks. Please look out for this and ask your examinations officer to alert you of its arrival.

Summer 2025 feedback recording

In early November 2025 we issued a guidance presentation outlining some of the key features of the summer 2025 examination series. Included in this was data from the series, senior examiner observations from the papers that they oversaw, and some guidance we hope supports differentiation among your learners in the achievement of the three assessment objectives for GCE Government and Politics. There was also a preview of the examination terminology amendments for summer 2026 (see above) and an opportunity to send questions for us to respond to in this letter. As of the deadline for the submission of those questions, on Monday, 15 December 2025, we had received none. As such, if you have any questions that you think would benefit you and your colleagues across Wales, then please send them to the GCE Government and Politics inbox and label them **Newsletter Question**. Should we receive any, we will anonymise them, collate them and respond to them in the next newsletter.

Get in touch

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the GCE Government and Politics team at WJEC – you can reach us at:

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With our best wishes,

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