WJEC GCE English Language and Literature Resource Guide

This booklet provides an overview of the support, guidance, and resources available to those teaching the WJEC GCE English Language and Literature specification across our suite of websites.

Subject webpage

The WJEC GCE English Language and Literature subject webpage on the WJEC website is the starting place for anyone teaching the specification. It contains a range of official documentation relating to the qualification including the specification, sample assessment materials and past papers.

Portal

The WJEC Portal is a secure area for centres to access resources. These include past papers and marking schemes (ahead of their publication on the public website), as well as access to CPD materials.

For teachers to access Portal, they will need a username and password. This will be set up by their Examinations Officer.

Answers to frequently asked questions about Portal can be found here.

Online Exam Review

The Online Exam Review website hosts marked examination exemplar in an interactive digital format.

Educational Resources

The Educational Resources website hosts free digital resources created by our dedicated team of subject experts and web developers to support the teaching and learning of WJEC qualifications.
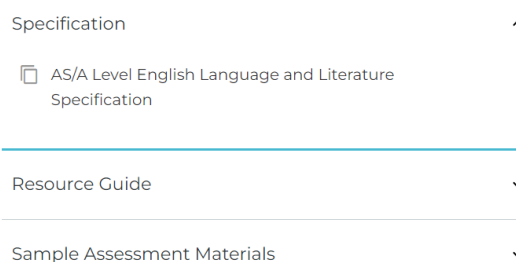
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1. Key Documents

A list of Key Documents is available on the [subject webpage](#) of the WJEC website and is available by selecting *Key Documents.*

| Key Documents	Overview	Past Papers / Mark Schemes	Resources	Training
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The documents are arranged in categories, and the documents in each category can be viewed by clicking the downward arrow alongside the category name.

Specification ⌃

📄 AS/A Level English Language and Literature Specification

Resource Guide ⌄

Sample Assessment Materials ⌄

Below are direct links to some of the documents that you will need to get started teaching the qualification.
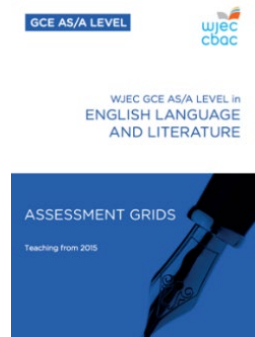
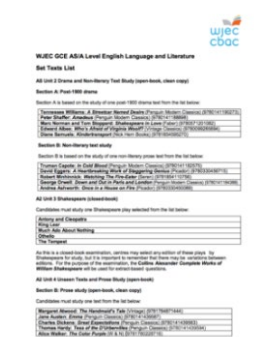[GCE English Language and Literature Specification](#)
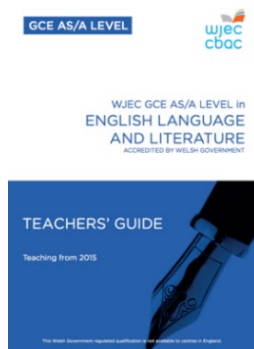
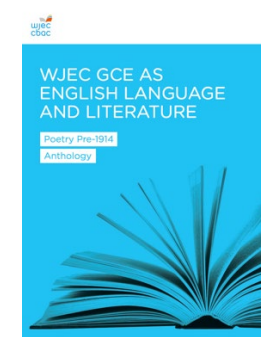[GCE English Language and Literature Guidance for Teaching](#)

[GCE English Language and Literature Specimen Assessment Materials](#)
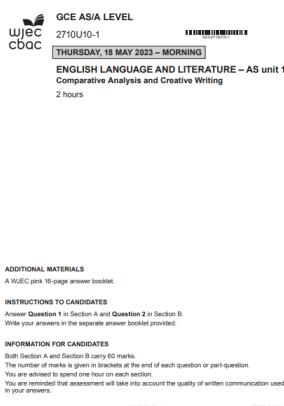
[GCE English Language and Literature Assessment Grids](#)

[GCE English Language and Literature Set Text Lists](#)

[GCE AS English Language and Literature Poetry Pre 1914 Anthology](#)

2. Past Papers

Question papers from past examination series are available for:

<u>AS</u>

Unit 1 – Comparative Analysis and Creative Writing (closed-book).

Unit 2 – Drama and Non-literary Text Study (open-book, clean copy).
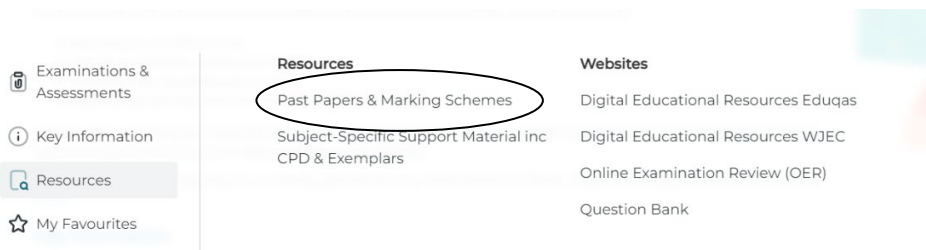
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Unit 3 – Shakespeare (closed-book).

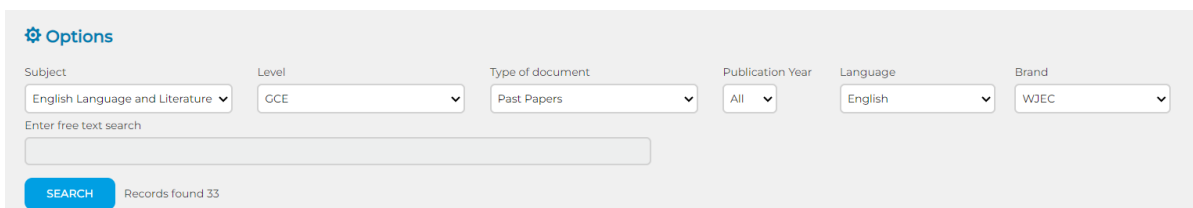Unit 4 – Texts and Prose Study (open-book, clean copy).

Past papers on Portal (shortly after end of exam series)

Past papers are published initially on the Portal shortly after the end of the examination series.

To locate the past papers, 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 that you are looking for:

Past papers on public website (up to twelve months after Results Day)

Past papers are published on the public website approximately twelve months after results for a series have been issued:

Series	Past Papers on public website
June Series	1-31st July (of the following year)

They can be accessed on the subject webpage under the *Past Papers* tab.

3. Marking Schemes

GCE AS MARKING SCHEME

SUMMER 2023

AS
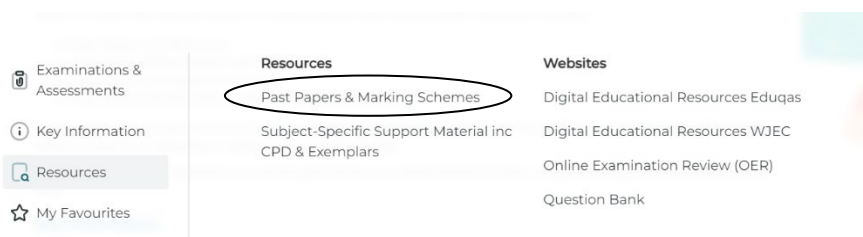ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE - UNIT 1
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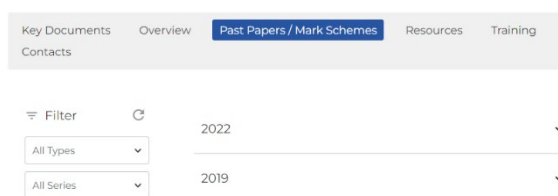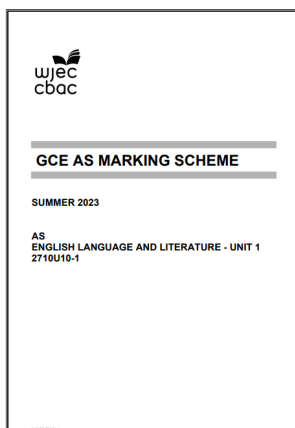
Marking schemes are available to accompany question papers from past examination series, providing instructions on how to apply the marking criteria, examples of indicative content, and assessment grids articulating the banded descriptors for different levels of responses.
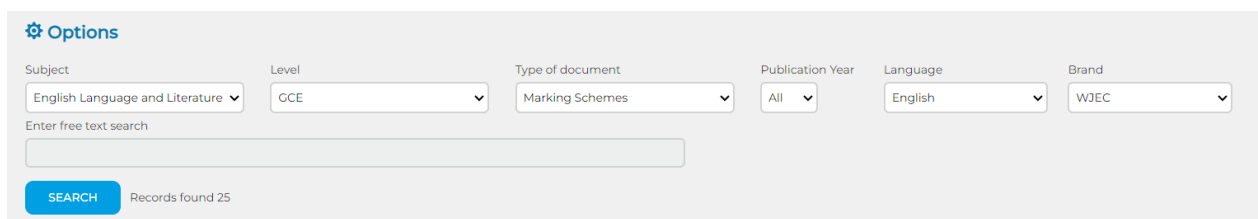
Marking schemes on Portal (from Results Day)

Marking schemes are published initially on Portal on Results Day for the examination series.

To locate the marking schemes, select 'Past Papers & Marking Schemes' from the 'Resources' menu on the left-hand side of the screen:

	Resources	Websites
Examinations & Assessments	Past Papers & Marking Schemes	Digital Educational Resources Eduqas
Key Information	Subject-Specific Support Material inc CPD & Exemplars	Digital Educational Resources WJEC
Resources		Online Examination Review (OER)
My Favourites		Question Bank

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

⚙ **Options**

Subject	Level	Type of document	Publication Year	Language	Brand
English Language and Literature ▾	GCE ▾	Marking Schemes ▾	All ▾	English ▾	WJEC ▾

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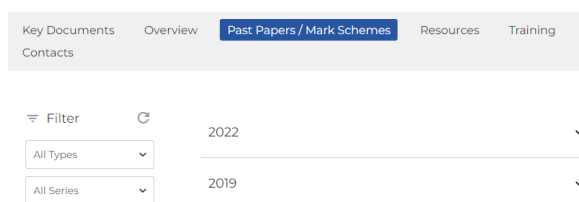**SEARCH**   Records found 25

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All Types ▾	2022 ▾
All Series ▾	2019 ▾

4. Examiners' Reports
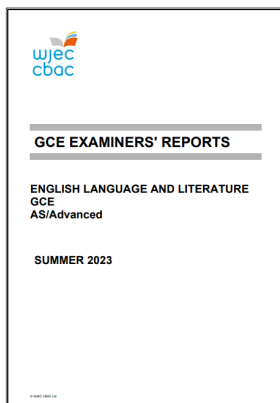
The Principal Examiners' reports (called 'Examiner's Reports') provide helpful observations and commentary on candidates' performance across the examined series.
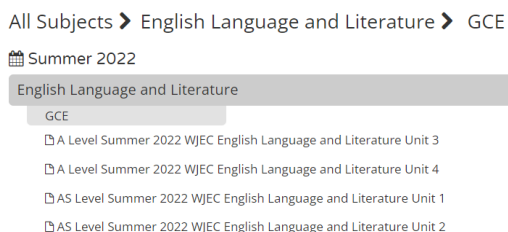
They are published on Results Day for each series and are available on the subject webpage under *Key Documents > Examiners' Reports.*

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5. Online Exam Review (Marked Exemplar)

All Subjects > English Language and Literature > GCE

📅 Summer 2022

English Language and Literature
  GCE
    📄 A Level Summer 2022 WJEC English Language and Literature Unit 3
    📄 A Level Summer 2022 WJEC English Language and Literature Unit 4
    📄 AS Level Summer 2022 WJEC English Language and Literature Unit 1
    📄 AS Level Summer 2022 WJEC English Language and Literature Unit 2

🔖 WJEC 2022 Online Exam Review
  🔖 A level English Language & Literature Unit 4
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      🔖 *Section A*
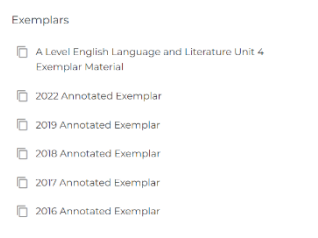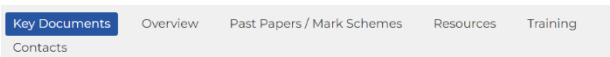   🔖 *Mark scheme*
      🔖 Example 1
        🔖 Example 1 marked

A set of Online Exam Review material for each exam component is published providing a number of clean and marked exemplars of candidate responses to key questions from previous examinations. These allow students to review others' responses and discuss ways in which they may be improved, thus developing their own skills.
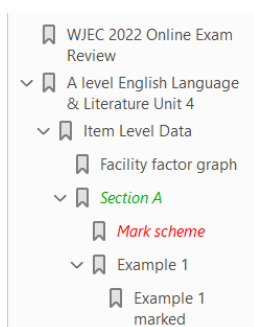
If you are accessing the OER document in a web browser and are only able to see a single page, please download the document and re-open it in Adobe Reader to fully access the material.

Clean copies of candidate responses and marked versions are also available to download from our subject page under *Key Documents* as a single pdf document together with instructions for printing with or without Principal Examiner comments.

Key Documents	Overview	Past Papers / Mark Schemes	Resources	Training
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Exemplars   ^
  📄 A Level English Language and Literature Unit 4 Exemplar Material
  📄 2022 Annotated Exemplar
  📄 2019 Annotated Exemplar
  📄 2018 Annotated Exemplar
  📄 2017 Annotated Exemplar
  📄 2016 Annotated Exemplar

6. Newsletters

AS/A level English Language, English Language and Literature, and English Literature Newsletter - January 2024

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda! We hope that you had a good Christmas and that you are ready for the challenges of the new term. In this edition of the newsletter, we have some general and subject-specific updates and information that you may need as you begin this new term.

1. Arrangements for summer 2024
2. Resources
3. Professional Learning 2024
4. NEA
5. Opportunities
6. Key dates

1. Arrangements for Summer 2024

For the summer 2024 exam series, AS and A level qualifications will return to pre-pandemic approaches. This means that no advance information will be provided and there will not be a midway grading policy as there was in 2022 and 2023. Grades will be awarded in line with the summer 2019 outcomes.

GCE English Literature:
Please be aware that for Unit 3, Section B of the A level English Literature paper, the layout of the question will be slightly different in summer 2024. An example of how the summer 2023 question would have looked had the same layout been applied is below:

6. Compare the presentation of journeys in Poem A: 'Troop Train Returning' by Les Murray and in **one** other poem from the list below:

Poem B: 'Enlli' by Christine Evans
Poem C: 'Penitence' by John Burnside
Poem D: 'Driving in Fog' by Robert Minhinnick.
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Click the *Subscribe for updates* button on the right-hand side of the subject webpage to sign up for email updates about the qualification, including the termly subject-specific newsletters published each September, January and April.

Get the latest subject updates

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Past newsletters are also available from the subject webpage under *Key Documents > Newsletter.*

| Key Documents | Overview | Past Papers / Mark Schemes | Resources | Training |
| Contacts | | | | |

7. CPD/ Professional Learning Materials

Annual Professional Learning programme

WJEC offers an annual programme of CPD/ Professional Learning events, featuring face-to-face and/or online sessions designed for practitioners to get all the latest feedback on assessments, an insight into our teaching resources, and a range of practical tips and strategies for the classroom.

Details of forthcoming sessions are listed on the subject webpage under *Training > Upcoming Courses*.

Key Documents	Overview	Past Papers / Mark Schemes	Resources	Training
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Upcoming Courses	On Demand Webinars	Materials from previous events		
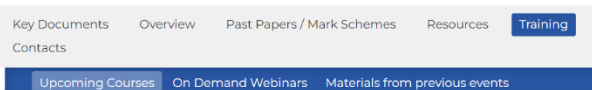
Upcoming Professional Learning Events

**Materials from past CPD events**

WJEC AS/A Level English Language and Literature
Online Feedback on Summer Assessments
Professional Learning: Autumn 2023

Pre-recorded courses

CPD materials from some previous course/unit-specific training can be found on the English Literature webpage, under *Materials from previous events*.

Other sessions from previous years are available on Portal. These can be accessed by selecting 'Resources', and then 'Subject Specific Materials including CPD.'
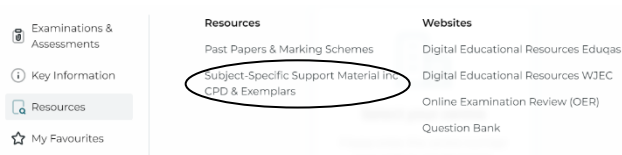
For GCE English Language and Literature, the focus of each year's CPD provision is **Assessment > classroom practice –** reviewing the previous assessment series and preparing for the year ahead.

Autumn 2023	**Assessment > classroom practice –** review the recent summer assessment series and preparing for the year ahead.
Autumn 2022	**Assessment > classroom practice –** reviewing the summer's assessment series and preparing for the year ahead.
Autumn 2019	**Assessment > classroom practice –** reviewing the summer's assessment series and preparing for the year ahead.
Autumn 2018	**Assessment > classroom practice –** reviewing the summer's assessment and preparing for the year ahead.
Autumn 2017	**Assessment > classroom practice –** reviewing the summer's assessment and preparing for the year ahead.

On-Demand Courses

Other CPD training materials can be accessed by selecting *Training > On-Demand Courses*. These are designed to support the teaching and learning of English, from KS3 through to KS5. Alternatively, the images below link to the courses currently on offer:

Reading Resilience: Introducing Strategies through Early Modern English
Kirsten Wilcock

TEACHING THE NOVEL

Teaching Grammar in the English Classroom

Using Cognitive Acceleration in the English Classroom

8. Educational Resources

A wide range of free digital resources has been developed to support the teaching and learning of WJEC GCE English Language/Literature and these are available from our *Educational Resources* website.

The full range of resources can be accessed here and a selection of the resources are outlined below.

Exam Walk Through – AS/A Level English Language & Literature

Aimed at learners, this Exam Walk Through resource offers practical hints and tips on how to approach questions in the examination paper effectively.

A Level English Language and Literature – Unit 1: Knowledge Organisers

A bank of sample knowledge organisers to support the learning of A Level Language and Literature Unit 1.

A Level English Language and Literature – Unit 2: Knowledge Organisers

A bank of sample knowledge organisers to support the learning of A Level Language and Literature Unit 2.

A Level English Language and Literature – Unit 4: Knowledge Organisers

A bank of sample knowledge organisers to support the learning of A Level Language and Literature Unit 4.

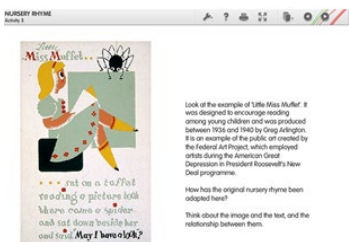## A Level English Language and Literature – Unit 5: Knowledge Organisers

A bank of sample knowledge organisers to support the learning of A level Language and Literature Unit 5 .

Literary and Linguistic Terminology

A range of short, sharp interactive activities, designed to aid students in becoming familiar with literary and linguistic terminology.

Language Variation

A series of resources to support WJEC's GCE English Language specification, ideal for an introduction to A2 studies, particularly Unit 3, Language Over Time.

A Level Language and Literature – Essay Writing Skills

These are a set of interactive activities taking you through the key steps of writing an organised and well-structured essay.

A Level Language and Literature – Text Tools

A bank of tools that allow teachers to use their own piece of text to generate a range of activities.

Blended Learning Resources
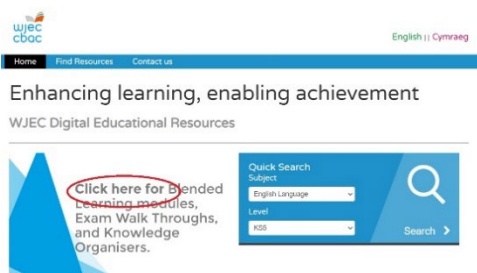
WJEC has recently developed a range of interactive Blended Learning Resources for student self-study to further support the teaching of this qualification. These can be accessed by clicking the image to the left.
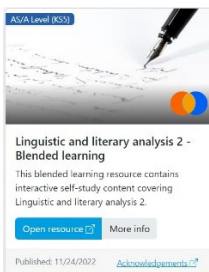
Below are a few of the GCE English Language and Literature blended learning resources currently available on our website.

Linguistic and Literary Analysis 1 - Blended learning

Spoken Language - Blended Learning

Linguistic and Literary Analysis 2 - Blended Learning

Creative Writing 2 - Blended Learning

Connecting texts - Blended Learning

9. Grade Boundaries and Exam Results analysis

Grade Boundaries

Grade boundaries from past examination series are available on the administration webpage under Results, Grade Boundaries and PRS.

Results, Grade Boundaries and PRS .
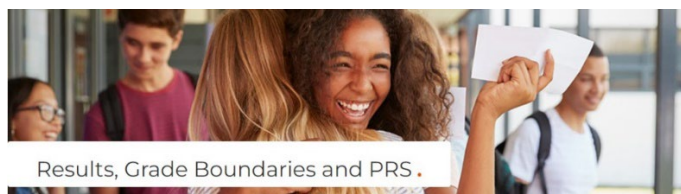
| Grade Boundaries | Post-Results Services | Appeals | Certificates | Results |

You can access unit grade boundaries and raw mark to UMS information in our Grade converter here.

June 2022

- WJEC GCSE (Linear) Grade Points June 2022
- Entry Level Grade Points June 2022
- Level 1/2 Global Business Communication Unit 2 Grade Points June 2022
- Overall GCSE WJEC UMS Grade Boundaries and Unit Information Summer 2022
- Overall A-AS WJEC UMS Grade Boundaries and Unit Information Summer 2022

In order to access the Uniform Mark Scale (UMS) information, select all of the valid information from the drop down.

Year	Session	Brand	Subject	Option
2022 ∨	GCE June ∨	WJEC ∨	ENGLISH LANG. & LIT. UNIT 1 (2710) ∨	UNIT 1 ∨

GCE June 2022 ENGLISH LANG. & LIT. UNIT 1 (2710)

Grade	A	B	C	D	E	U	What is a UMS?
UMS Grade Boundary	080	070	060	050	040	000	
Raw Mark Grade Boundary	084	070	056	042	029	000	

Grade Boundary information can also be found on the subject webpage under 'Overview' which will redirect you to the Results, Grade Boundaries and PRS page.

Exam Results Analysis
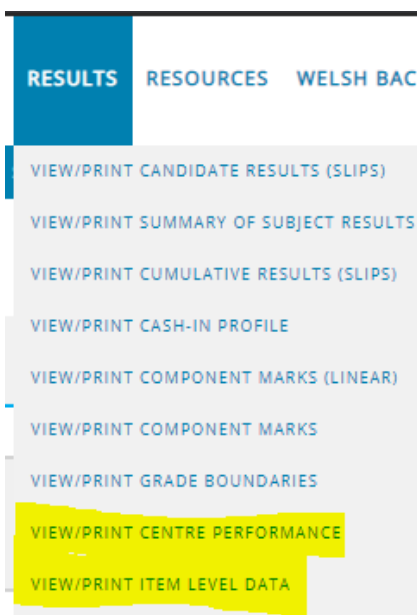
Exam Results Analysis can be used by teachers to:

- Evaluate their own performance against specification norms.

- Identify strengths and weaknesses for a candidate cohort and suggest areas of improvement.

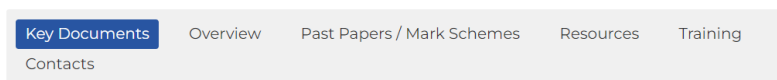- Assist individual candidates in improving their own performance.

It can be accessed on the Portal, and allows you to compare your students' 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.

12. Key Dates

A list of key dates for WJEC GCE English Language and Literature is available on the subject webpage under *Key Documents > Key Dates*
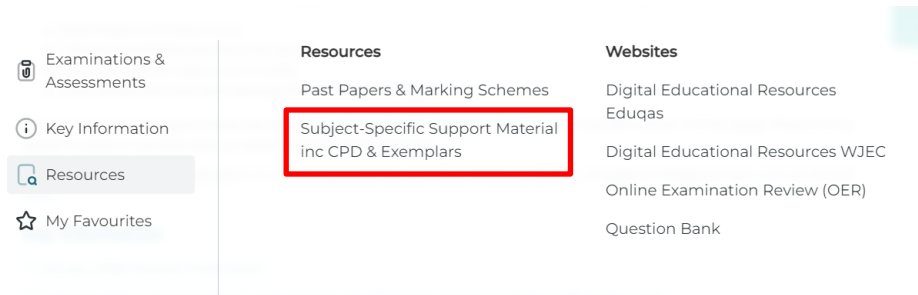
Key dates are published at the start of each academic year, enabling you to plan for the year ahead.

13. Non-Examination Assessment

NEA Standardising Exemplar

NEA standardising exemplars are available on our [Portal](#) to support teachers standardising the marking of the NEA assessment.

The exemplars can be located by selecting 'Subject-Specific Support Material including CPD and Exemplars' on the 'Resources' tab and then entering 'standardising exemplar' in the search box. Remember to select the WJEC brand in the 'Options' filters.

Examinations & Assessments

Resources

Websites

Key Information

Past Papers & Marking Schemes

Digital Educational Resources Eduqas

Resources

Subject-Specific Support Material inc CPD & Exemplars

Digital Educational Resources WJEC

My Favourites

Online Examination Review (OER)

Question Bank

Subject-Specific Support Material including CPD & Exemplars

Subject	Level	Type of document	Publication Year	Language	Brand
English Language and Literature	GCE	All	All	English	WJEC

Enter free text search

standardising exemplar

A level English Language and Literature NEA Standardising Exemplar

Filename	Description
WJEC GCE English Language and Literature Unit 5 NEA Exemplar Material.pdf	

Non-Examination Assessment - Guidance Documents

A number of documents to aid centres in administering the non-exam assessment is available on the [subject webpage](#) under *Key Documents > Non-Exam Assessment*

Key Documents	Overview	Past Papers / Mark Schemes	Resources	Training
Contacts				

Non-Exam Assessment ∧

◻ WJEC A Level English Language And Literature Unit 5 Non Exam Assessment Coversheet

◻ WJEC GCE English Language and Literature NEA Checklist

◻ WJEC English A Level - Managing AI in NEA - Guidance for Centres

These documents include:

➢ **Non-Exam Assessment Folder Coversheet -** should be completed for all candidates, not just for those candidates selected for the sample to be sent to the moderator.

➢ **Non-Exam Assessment Centre Checklist** – checklist to aid centres in preparing the NEA sample for submission.

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NON-EXAMINATION ASSESSMENT STANDARDISING GUIDANCE: EXEMPLAR 1 (BAND 5)

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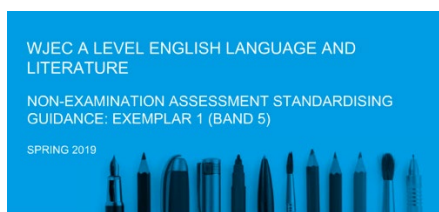
We also provide guidance for NEA-marking through an Online CPD course. This is designed to:

- Support centres in the assessment of the non-examination assessment (NEA).

- Exemplify marking standards, rather than suggest 'model approaches.'

Contact us

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Our subject team is happy to help you with all your queries related to the teaching and learning of WJEC GCE English Language and Literature. Our Subject Officers are experienced teachers and are here to support you with delivering our qualifications. Get in touch with us via e-mail.