

Back to School Newsletter – September 2024

WJEC GCE Psychology

Welcome back to a new academic year!

I hope you enjoyed a restful and refreshing summer break and are excited to share Psychology with a new cohort of learners.

Quite a few pieces of information to update you with in this newsletter; I hope you find the information useful.

1. Personal Investigations - Summer 2026 and 2027

Just to confirm that the specification ([AS/A Level Psychology \(wjec.co.uk\)](https://www.wjec.co.uk)) has been updated to include the Personal investigation titles for Summer 2026 and Summer 2027.

Assessment	Investigation one	Investigation two
Summer 2024	An experiment on a context dependent memory task.	A non-participant observation of mobile phone use.
Summer 2025	A quasi-experiment on age and sleep.	A correlational study involving a Stroop test.
Summer 2026	A correlation of screen time and sleep.	An experiment on language and music.
Summer 2027	A content analysis of post-match interviews.	An experiment on social facilitation.

2. Summer 2025 Timetable

The final timetable for all GCE AS/A level qualifications in Summer 2025 was published in April 2024, and if you want to check out the whole timetable it can be accessed from the WJEC website: [Key Dates & Timetables | WJEC](#)

Just to highlight for you though that the dates for the WJEC GCE Psychology units are:

Unit	Unit code	Examination date
Unit 1	2290U10-1	Monday 12 th May 2025
Unit 2	2290U20-1	Tuesday 20 th May 2025
Unit 3	1290U30-1	Wednesday 21 st May 2025
Unit 4	1290U40-1	Monday 9 th June 2025

Please note that the Unit 4 examination is a week later in the timetable to when it is usually scheduled.

3. 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 \(wjec.co.uk\)](https://www.wjec.co.uk). You can download the most recent Principal Examiner Report and register for FREE, online feedback events on your qualification page.

Professional learning events in Autumn 2024

We have a mix of professional learning events for teachers of WJEC GCE Psychology. The free Summer 2024 feedback event on the 17th October is the first course, followed by two face to face courses in Cardiff and Llandudno. Our final event is a joint online event with teachers of Eduqas Psychology: please note that the materials for this event will be drawn from the Face-to-Face events, so will be handy for WJEC teachers in centres who cannot attend the Face-to-Face events in Cardiff or Llandudno.

WJEC GCE Psychology: Feedback on summer assessments – Free online event
Thursday 17th October Start: 16:00 End 18:00

[Events for 17/10/2024 \(ticketsolve.com\)](https://www.ticketsolve.com)

WJEC GCE Psychology: Improving learning, improving performance – Face to Face event (Fee payable) Wednesday 4th December Start: 09:30 Cardiff

WJEC GCE Psychology: Improving learning, improving performance – Face to Face event (Fee payable) Friday 6th December Start: 09:30 Llandudno

[Events for 04/12/2024 \(ticketsolve.com\)](https://www.ticketsolve.com)

WJEC GCE & Eduqas AS-A Level Psychology: Improving learning, improving performance – Online event (Fee payable) – Thursday 12th December Start: 16:00 End 18:00

[Events for 12/12/2024 \(ticketsolve.com\)](https://www.ticketsolve.com)

4. British Psychological Society updates

Please note that the resources and links highlighted below are produced by the British Psychological Society and so are not necessarily tailored to the WJEC specification. They are not currently available through the medium of Welsh, however, if you find any of the resources would be useful to use with learners through the medium of Welsh, please get in touch and I will see what can be done to facilitate this.

The British Psychological Society (BPS) Division of Academics, Researchers and Teachers in Psychology (DART-P) is holding its second Pre-tertiary Education Psychology Teacher of the Year awards. The award is designed to nationally recognise the work of pre-university psychology teachers, including all pre-university psychology teachers who are currently working in a UK educational institution on a full-time, part-time or fixed term basis. The winner will receive £1000, free DART-P membership for a year and free registration for the June 2025 annual DART-P conference. The **deadline** for applications is at **noon on 27th September 2024**.

Further details of how to enter and what is required can be found here:

[Division of Academics, Researchers, and Teachers in Psychology | BPS](#)

The BPS has worked with the ATP to produce a free teachers' toolkit. The toolkit is suitable for teachers of all specifications and levels of pre-university courses and includes resources on a wide range of topics from open evening resources to research methods. The toolkit is updated three times a year and the link can be found here:

[Teachers' toolkit | BPS](#)

They are also looking for new contributors for the toolkit, So, if you are interested in the toolkit, please get in touch.

SCoPESC is the voice of pre-university teachers in the UK and are looking for new members. If anyone would like to join SCoPESC, further information can be found here:

[Division of Academics, Researchers, and Teachers in Psychology | BPS](#)

N.B. You do not have to be a member of the BPS or DART-P to join SCoPESC. Anyone who is interested, should e-mail this address: DARTP.mns@bps.org.uk.

5. Centre Map

We know that there are many teachers who don't have a background in Psychology, are the only teacher of psychology in their centres, or are teachers who are new to delivering WJEC Psychology, so, just to remind you about the Centre Map. It allows you to see the contact details for other teachers/centres who have also signed up, allowing you to set up networks with other Psychology teachers in your area.

If you want to join the WJEC & Eduqas Psychology Centre Map, use this google form: [CBAC Seicoleg TAG Uwch WJEC A Level Psychology \(google.com\)](#)

If you have already joined the Psychology centre map, why not revisit it soon to see if any new centres have joined in your local area recently?

6. Becoming an Examiner

Have you ever thought about becoming an examiner? Want to know a little bit more about what is actually involved before applying? On Tuesday 19th November, I'll be hosting a quick (30 minutes), early evening Teams session for teachers of Sociology or Psychology who want to know a little bit more information about what the role involves and what the benefits are of being an examiner. If you are interested in attending, or have any questions about becoming an examiner, then please email and we can send you further details.

As ever, please accept my best wishes in this new academic year and please get in touch if you have any queries.

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