

GCE Psychology bulletin, September 2019

Welcome back. We hope you have had a good summer and are returning refreshed - and a special welcome to centres and teachers joining us this September for the first time.

I hope you find this newsletter useful in planning for the year ahead. As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch!

All the best
Rachel

SUMMER 2019 EXAMINATIONS

The papers and mark schemes are now available to view on our [secure website](#). If you don't have access, please contact your exams officer.

Remember that 19th September is the last date for receipt of enquiries about result and 26th September the deadline for the request of electronic copies of scripts for teaching and learning purposes. Please see our [website](#) for more details.

ANALYSING CANDIDATES' RESULTS

WJEC Eduqas offers two services to help you understand your students' results and develop their exam skills: Exam Results Analysis and Online Exam Review.

Exam Results Analysis on the [secure website](#) 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.

[Online Exam Review](#) provides a number of marked exemplars of candidate responses to key questions in an interactive format. These allow students to mark others' work and discuss ways in which it may be improved, thus developing their own skills. Exemplars from the summer examinations will be uploaded to the OER site this term.

PRINCIPAL EXAMINERS' REPORTS

The principal examiners' reports for GCE Psychology providing feedback on the Summer 2019 series are now available on the [website subject page](#). You are advised to read them carefully as they provide helpful observations and commentary on candidates' work this series.

NEW RESOURCES

A wide range of free digital resources are available on the [WJEC resources website](#). Items recently added include:

[Psychology Tools](#) A series of tools for teachers to generate their own activities that will help build the skills necessary in order to answer an essay style question.

[Mark like an examiner - Unit 1](#) This second video explores how the 2018 Unit 1 paper was marked by our examiners. In order to get the most from this resource you will need to download the sample papers pack and the mark scheme pack.

[Mark like an examiner - Unit 4](#) This third video explores how the 2018 Unit 4 paper was marked by our examiners. In order to get the most from this resource you will need to download the sample papers pack and the mark scheme pack.

QUESTION BANK

Don't forget that you can use the amazing [Question Bank](#) to create your own exam papers and mark schemes. Questions are available for Units 1-4.

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

Our Facebook group is a place for teachers to share resources, advice, and subject-related news to help fellow group members. We have over 400 members who actively engage with supporting each other and sharing amazing resources. If you are not a member already [Join here](#).

If Facebook is not your thing don't worry as each month I put together all the shared links into one document so you can still access the amazing articles that teachers have shared. You can access them on our [related resources page](#).

JOIN US AT THE NATIONAL EDUCATION SHOW

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER, CARDIFF

This year we are offering a seminar at the National Education Show entitled 'A student's journey towards becoming exam ready - taking baby steps to help reduce stress'. This seminar will explore how students can take simple and very practical steps to develop a plan of action to organise their time and workloads. This will help address that 'out-of-control feeling' that can often result in the feeling of stress. We will look at how students can set goals, make a plan to 'do', and then take one step at a time towards that goal. These actions will bring about a feeling of accomplishment and reduce the risk of experiencing exam stress at a later stage.

You can book your place [here](#).

CPD winter 2020

WJEC is providing support for AS and A level Psychology this winter with Assessment to Classroom Practice events. We are going to be focusing on skills development through some practical ideas for retrieval practice and stretch and challenge for all. We are also hoping to include a session on Mindfulness from experts from Bangor University.

We are offering the following courses:

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31-01-2020 CARDIFF

To book your place or learn more, visit the [training pages](#) on the WJEC website.

The next issue of this newsletter will be sent out after Christmas. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please get in touch.

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