

# WJEC GCE French Language Resources Guide

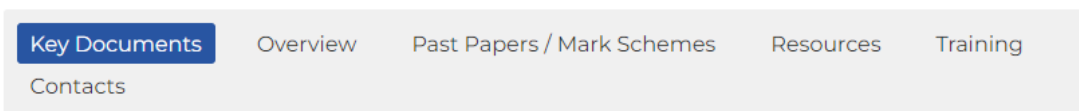
This booklet provides an overview of the support, guidance, and resources available to those teaching the WJEC GCE French specification across our suite of websites.

<p><b>Subject webpage</b></p> <p>The GCE French <a href="#">subject webpage</a> 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.</p>	<p><b>Portal</b></p> <p>The <a href="#">WJEC Portal</a> 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.</p> <p><i>For teachers to access Portal, they will need a username and password. This will be set up by their Examinations Officer.</i></p> <p><i>Answers to frequently asked questions about Portal can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</i></p>
<p><b>Online Exam Review</b></p> <p>The <a href="#">Online Exam Review website</a> hosts marked examination exemplar in an interactive digital format. Please make sure you fully download each resource and open using Adobe software to play any audio.</p>	<p><b>Educational Resources</b></p> <p>The <a href="#">Educational Resources website</a> hosts free digital resources created by our dedicated team of subject experts and web developers to support the teaching and learning of WJEC qualifications.</p>

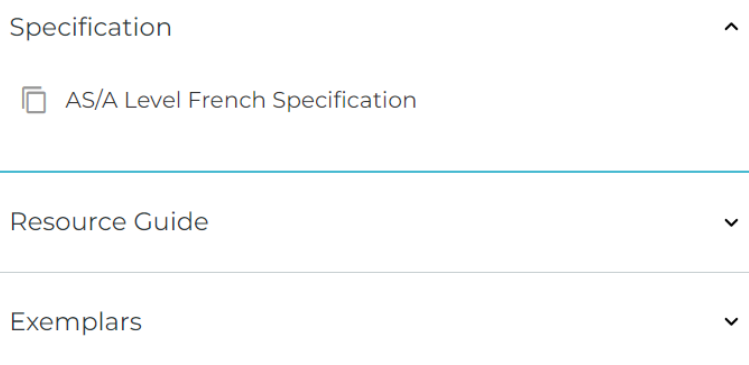
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# 1. Key Documents

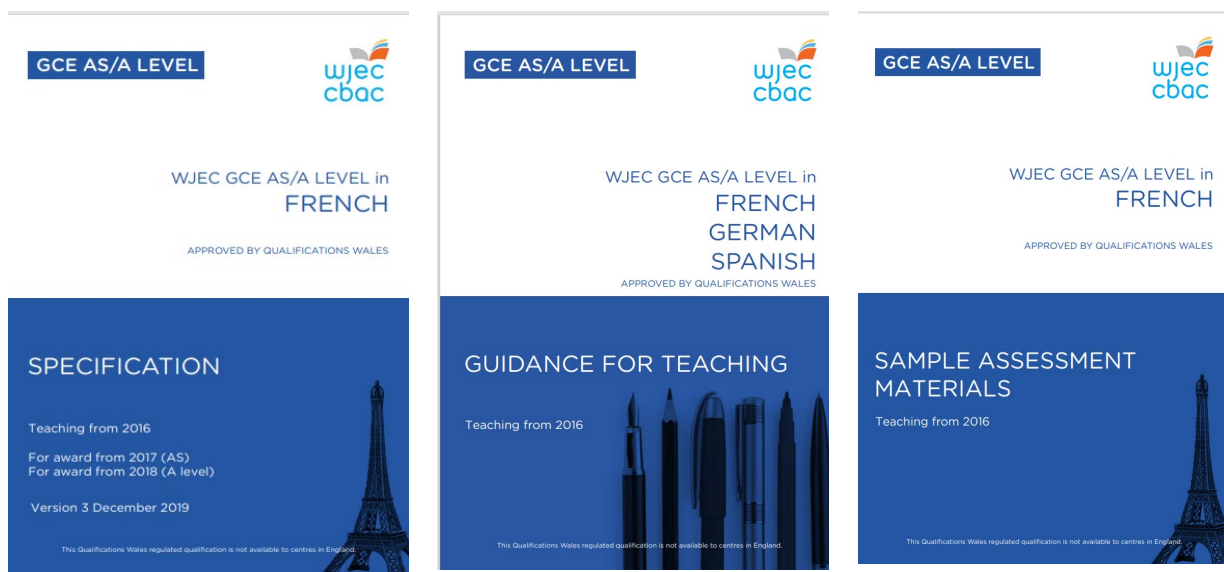
A list of Key Documents is available on the [subject webpage](#) of the WJEC website and is available by selecting [Key Documents](#).



The documents are arranged in categories, and the documents in each category can be viewed by clicking the downward arrow alongside the category name.



Below are direct links to some of the documents that you will need to get started teaching the qualification:



## 2. Past Papers

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Centre Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 First name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ 2

**GCE A LEVEL**  
**1800U40-1**  
**MONDAY, 12 JUNE 2022 – MORNING**  
**FRENCH – A2 unit 4**  
 Listening, Reading and Translation  
 2 hours

For Examiner's use only		
Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
1.	10	
2.	10	
3.	10	
4(a)	7	
4(b)	8	
5(a)	8	
5(b)	8	
5(c)	8	
6.	20	
7.	20	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**  
 In addition to this question paper you will be issued with a recording for use with Section A, when you will access individually. Within the overall time of the assessment you will be allowed to stop, rewind and listen to the recording as often as you like.  
 You will also be issued with a reading resource folder for use with Section B.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**  
 Use black ink or black ball-point pen.  
 Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.  
 Answer all questions.  
 Write your answers in the spaces provided in the booklet.  
 No dictionaries are allowed in any section of the examination.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**  
 This paper carries 100 marks. The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question. There are three sections to the exam and you are advised to spend:  
 • 45 minutes on Section A  
 • 45 minutes on Section B, of which you should spend 5 minutes reading  
 • 30 minutes on Section C

**Question papers from past examination series are available for:**

**AS**

Unit 1 – Speaking

Unit 2 – Listening, reading, translation and critical response in writing

**A2**

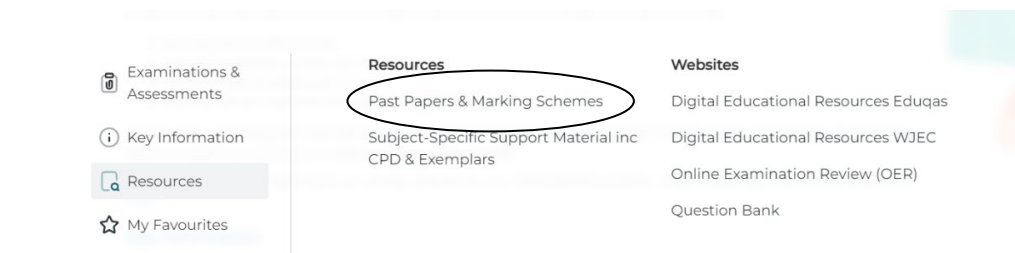
Unit 4 – Listening, reading and translation writing

Unit 5 – Critical and analytical response in writing

### 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:

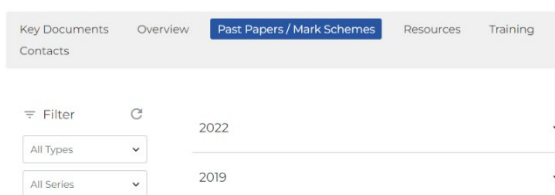
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### Past papers on public website (up to twelve months after Results Day)

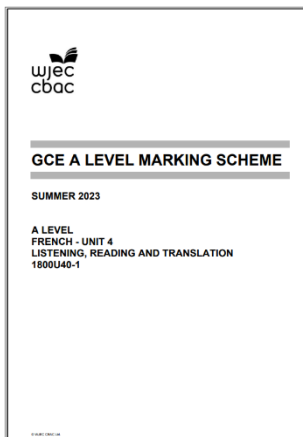
Past papers are published on the public website approximately twelve months after results for a series have been issued:

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

They can be accessed on the [subject webpage](#) under the [Past Papers](#) tab.



# 3. Marking Schemes

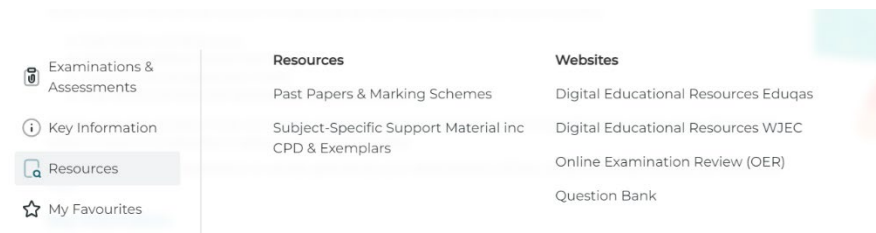


**Marking schemes** are available to accompany question papers from past examination series. They provide instructions on how to apply the marking criteria, examples of indicative content, and assessment grids articulating the banded descriptors for different levels of responses.

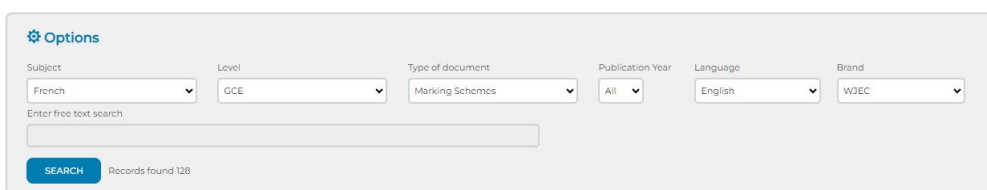
### Marking schemes on Portal (from Results Day)

Marking schemes are published initially on [Portal](#) on Results Day for the examination series.

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

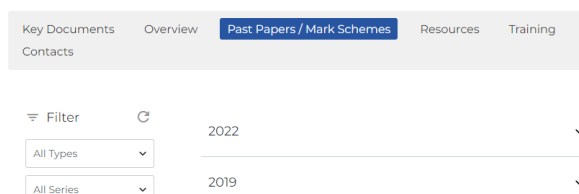


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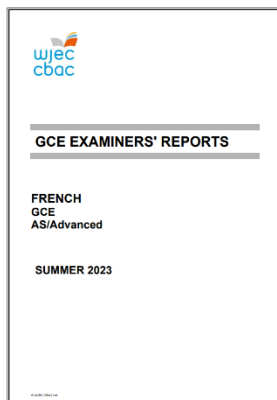
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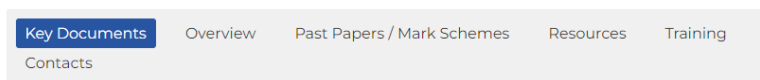


## 4. Examiners' Reports



The Principal Examiners' 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 ^

-  GCE French Examiners' Report Summer 2023
-  GCE French Examiners' Report Summer 2022

## 5. Online Exam Review (Marked Exemplar)

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
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
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
Summer 2019


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GCE

 GCE A Level 2019 Summer WJEC French Unit 4


 GCE A Level 2019 Summer WJEC French Unit 5


 GCE AS Level 2019 Summer WJEC French Unit 1

 GCE AS Level 2019 Summer WJEC French Unit 2

Summer 2017


 WJEC GCE AS French Unit 2 2800U20-1

 WJEC GCE French AS Unit 1 2800U10-1

 WJEC 2019 Online Exam Review


∨  A2 French Unit 4

∨  Item Level Data


 Facility factor graph

∨  Question 3

 Mark scheme

∨  Example 1

 Example 1 marked

∨  Example 2

 Example 2 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.**

*Exemplar materials, including for 2023, can also be accessed on our website under [Key Documents > Exemplars](#).*

Exemplars ^

-  2023 WJEC GCE French
-  2019 WJEC GCE French
-  2018 WJEC GCE French
-  2017 WJEC GCE French

## 6. Newsletters



### January Newsletter 2024

#### GCSE and GCE French, German and Spanish

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope that you have been able to enjoy a restful Christmas break and had a chance to recharge the batteries for the Spring term. There are a lot of things going on so please take time to read through the newsletter as it contains useful and important information for the new term.

#### Qualified for the future: Bringing qualifications to life.

We are excited to be working closely with a range of stakeholders across Wales to co-construct a new suite of GCSEs as part of Qualifications Wales' 'Qualified for the future' project.

Our approach will ensure the new qualifications are inclusive, engaging, support the curriculum, and are fit for the future.

Qualifications Wales has published their Decisions Report and Approval Criteria for the new suite of GCSEs. Our Qualification Development Team have been and will continue to actively engage with a broad range of stakeholders to create inspiring, innovative and exciting qualifications for learners in Wales.

#### Here to support you

We will publish specifications by September 2024.

Our Qualifications Development team will provide regular updates throughout the process, and a package of bilingual teaching and learning resources and Professional Learning opportunities will be developed to support the delivery of these new qualifications.

Need further information? Please see our [FAQs](#) or contact us at [qualificationdevelopment@wjec.co.uk](mailto:qualificationdevelopment@wjec.co.uk). [Subscribe here](#) for updates.

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](#).

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[Overview](#)
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[Contacts](#)

## 7. CPD Materials

### Annual CPD programme

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

Details of forthcoming sessions are listed on the [subject webpage](#) under [Training > Upcoming Courses](#).

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[Upcoming Courses](#)
[On Demand Courses](#)
[Materials from previous events](#)

## Materials from past CPD events

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TEACHER-CONDUCTED SPEAKING ASSESSMENT  
TRAINING  
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SPRING 2024



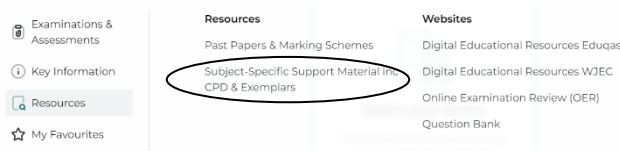
### Pre-recorded courses

Some materials from CPD training events are available on the [subject webpage](#) under [Training > On-Demand Courses](#).

There are sessions on Speaking assessments to choose from, as well as training on marking the Film and Literature Unit.

### CPD - Portal

Other sessions from previous years are available on [Portal](#). These can be accessed by selecting 'Resources', and then 'Subject Specific Materials including CPD.'



The focus of each year's provision is outlined below:

<b>Spring 2024</b>	<b>Teacher-Conducted Assessment Training</b> – how to conduct effective Unit 1 and Unit 3 examinations, and feedback from the Summer 2023 exam series (Unit 1). The training also includes teaching and learning tips to improve pupil performance in speaking examinations.
<b>Autumn 2022</b>	<b>Assessment &gt; classroom practice</b> – review of the 2022 summer series, with a focus on Unit 1 (Discussion Card), Unit 3 (IRP), Unit 4 (Listening, Reading, and Translation) and Unit 5 (Critical and Analytical Response in Writing).
<b>Autumn 2021</b>	<b>Unit 1 - AS Speaking in French, German, and Spanish</b> – training teachers in developing speaking skills, conducting the test, with questions, answers and discussion from one of our Principal Examiners.
<b>Autumn 2020</b>	<b>Assessment &gt; classroom practice</b> – Approaches to teaching film and literature in MFL at GCE level.
<b>Autumn 2019</b>	<b>Assessment &gt; classroom practice</b> – review of the 2019 summer series; exploring A03 approaches to context in assessment and teaching.
<b>Autumn 2018</b>	<b>Assessment &gt; classroom practice</b> – review of the 2018 summer assessment series and exploration of examples of marked candidate responses.

## 8. Educational Resources

A wide range of free digital resources has been developed to support the teaching and learning of WJEC GCE French and these are available from our [Educational Resources](#) website.

The full range of resources can be accessed [here](#) and links to a selection of the resources are given below.

### GCE French – Resources by Unit

- [AS Unit 1 – Speaking: Teaching and Learning Booklet](#)
- [A-Level Unit 3 – Speaking: Resources](#)
- [A-Level Unit 4 – Listening, Reading and Translation: Teaching and Learning Resources](#)
- [A-Level Unit 5 – Critical and Analytical Response in Writing: Teaching and Learning Resources](#)



### GCE French – Themed Resources

- [Theme 1 – Family Structures, Traditional and Modern Values](#)
- [Theme 1 – Educational and Employment Opportunities](#)
- [Theme 1 – Youth Trends, Issues and Personal Identity](#)
- [Theme 2 – Media, Art, Film and Music in the French-Speaking World](#)
- [Theme 2 – Regional Culture and Heritage](#)
- [Theme 3 – Discrimination and Diversity](#)
- [Theme 3 – Cultural Enrichment and Celebrating Difference](#)
- [Theme 3 – Cultural Identity and Marginalisation](#)
- [Theme 3 – Migration and Integration](#)
- [Theme 4 – June 1940-May 1945](#)
- [Theme 4 – 1945-1950](#)
- [Theme 4 – The Cultural Dimension in Occupied France](#)



### GCE French – AS Film

On our Resources page, you can access [interactive listening, reading, and writing activities](#) that can be used to support the teaching and learning of *AS Unit 2 Section D (Film)*.



## GCE French – A-Level Literature

Again, on the Resources page, you can access [interactive reading and writing activities](#) that can be used to support teaching and learning of *A level Unit 5: Critical and Analytical Response in Writing* for the new specification.



## Exam Walk-Through

Aimed at learners, this [Exam Walk Through](#) resource offers practical hints and tips on how to effectively approach questions in the examination paper. Using questions from past exam papers, the PPT with audio help and audio script in the notes will walk teachers and pupils through a mock examination paper, helping to revise and practice useful exam techniques. The “mock” can be completed in a single sitting, or pupils can tackle one or two questions at a time or revisit some parts of the presentation to reinforce your learning.



## Knowledge Organisers

A bank of sample [knowledge organisers](#) covering each of the subthemes in A/AS Level French.

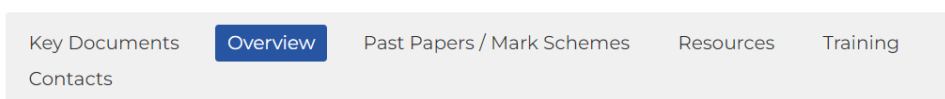
These could be used for revision or as a starting point for creating your own knowledge organisers.



## 9. Grade Boundaries and Exam Results Analysis

### Grade boundaries

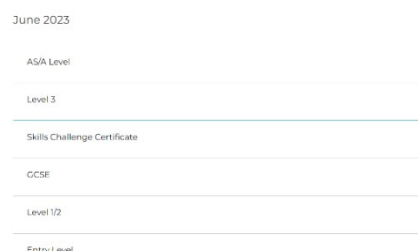
Grade boundaries from past examination series are available on the [subject webpage](#).



#### Grade Boundaries

Grade boundaries are the minimum number of marks needed to achieve each grade.

Grade boundary information is available for every unit. Make sure you select the correct information from the drop down:

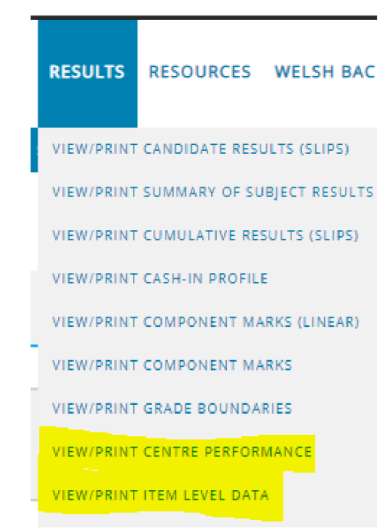


The overall [UMS grade boundaries](#) are available in the specification and on the Results, Grade Boundaries and PRS page of the website. These boundaries remain the same year on year.

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Maximum Uniform Mark of 40	36	32	28	24	20	16	12	8
Maximum Uniform Mark of 50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10
Maximum Uniform Mark of 60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	12
Maximum Uniform Mark of 70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	14
Maximum Uniform Mark of 75	68	60	53	45	38	30	23	15
Maximum Uniform Mark of 80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16

## Exam Results Analysis

### 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 [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.

## 10. NEA Speaking Guidance

As mentioned in 'CPD Materials' above, resources are available to train teachers in assessing speaking. Click on the images below for links to the most recent training:

WJEC AS – A Level  
TEACHER-CONDUCTED SPEAKING ASSESSMENT  
TRAINING  
FRENCH, SPANISH & GERMAN  
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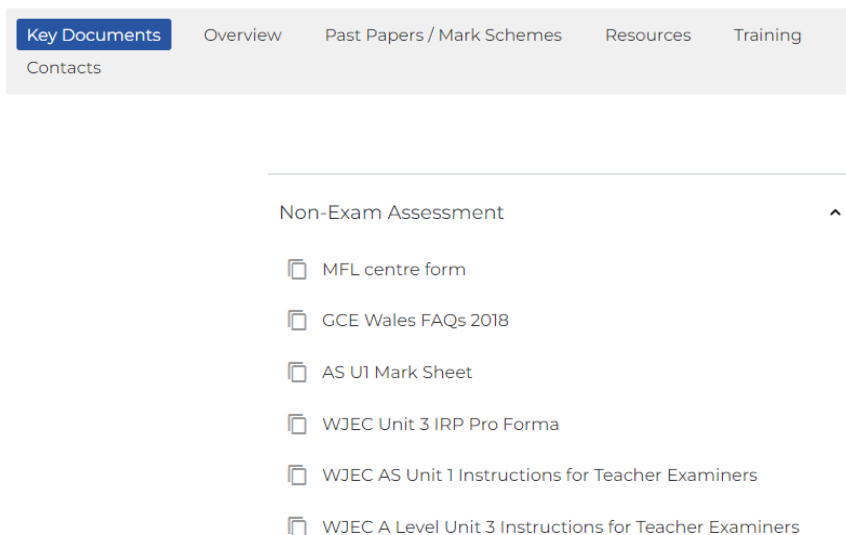


WJEC AS / AL FRENCH, SPANISH & GERMAN  
Teacher Conducted Speaking  
Online Professional Learning: autumn 2022  
Presenter: Denise Currie



## Non-Examination Assessment Guidance Documents

A number of documents to aid centres in administering the spoken language assessment are available on the [subject webpage](#) under [Key Documents](#).



The screenshot shows a navigation menu with the following items: Key Documents (highlighted), Overview, Past Papers / Mark Schemes, Resources, Training, and Contacts. Below the menu, a dropdown menu for 'Non-Exam Assessment' is open, listing the following documents:

- MFL centre form
- GCE Wales FAQs 2018
- AS U1 Mark Sheet
- WJEC Unit 3 IRP Pro Forma
- WJEC AS Unit 1 Instructions for Teacher Examiners
- WJEC A Level Unit 3 Instructions for Teacher Examiners

These documents include:

- [WJEC AS Unit 1 Instructions for Teacher Examiners](#) – Guidance for teachers conducting GCE AS Unit 1 speaking assessments.
- [WJEC AS Unit 3 Instructions for Teacher Examiners](#) – Guidance for teachers conducting GCE A level Unit 3 speaking assessments.
- [MFL centre form](#) - should be completed for all candidates and scanned/uploaded along with the IRP form.
- **AS Unit 1 [Oral working mark sheet](#)**
- **NEA speaking – [WJEC GCE](#) MFL FAQs**
- [WJEC Unit 3 IRP Proforma](#) to be completed by all candidates for A level Component 3 Speaking

## 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 French. Our Subject Officers are experienced teachers and are here to support you with delivering our qualifications. Get in touch with us via e-mail.