

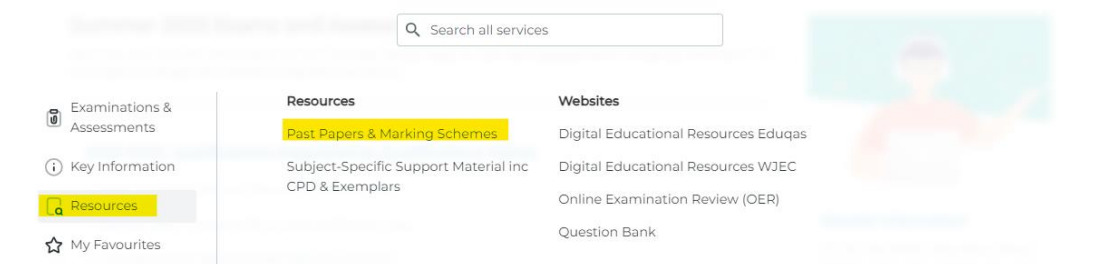
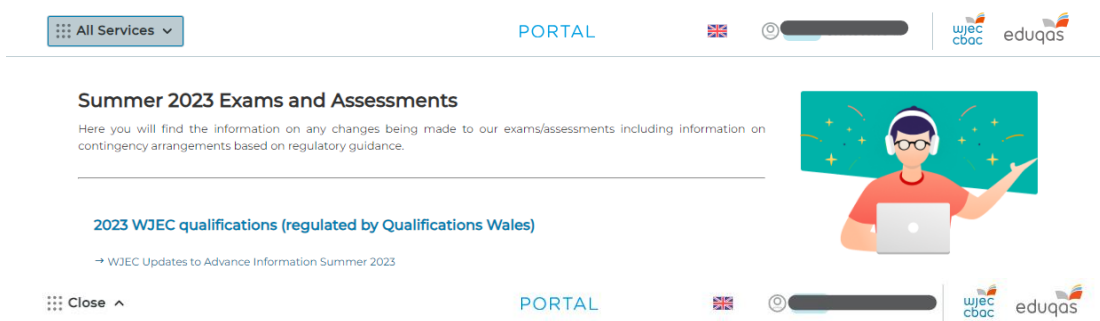
WJEC GCSE English Language and English Literature Newsletter - January 2024

Welcome back. We hope that you had a relaxing Christmas break and that you are ready for the new term.

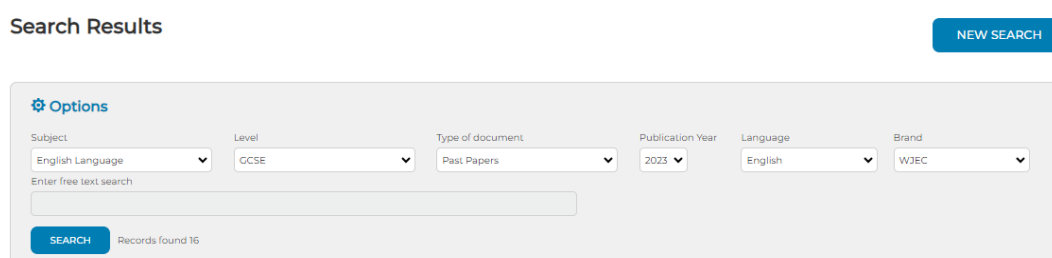
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1. November 2023 examinations

GCSE results for English Language will be published on the 11 January 2024. The papers and mark schemes will be available to view on Portal. If you do not have access, please contact your exams officer. To locate them, 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 or marking schemes that you are looking for:



15 February 2024 is the final date for receipt of applications for clerical checks, reviews of marking, reviews of moderation or other results enquiries. It is also the

final date for the request of electronic copies of scripts for teaching and learning purposes. Please see our [website](#) for more details.

2. November 2023 Principal Examiners' report

In conjunction with item level data analysis, centres would find it useful to read the [Principal Examiners' Reports for English Language](#) in reviewing learners' examination performances. You are advised to read them carefully as they provide helpful observations and commentary on candidates' work this series.

3. WJEC GCSE English Literature January 2024 Exam Series

The date of the January 2024 series Unit 1 Foundation Tier and Higher Tier examination is the 10th January 2024 am. Results will be published on 7th March 2024.

4. Made-for-Wales GCSE Development

We would like to thank all of the teachers, learners and other stakeholders who have engaged with the co-construction of the new GCSE English qualification for first teaching in 2025. Since September, we have held two online Qualification Advisory Group meetings with teachers and subject experts across Wales, seeking their views on proposals and asking for suggestions to help shape this new qualification. There was a high number of responses to the consultation in the Autumn term, all of which have been read and assimilated, affecting some changes to the proposed qualification model. We will be sharing more detail about the specification development in the Spring term. Please ensure that you have subscribed to our [mailing list](#) if you would like to receive updates.

5. Non-examination assessment

English Language Unit 1 Oracy

For GCSE English Language Unit 1 Oracy, candidates are required to complete both *Task 1: Individual Research Presentation* and *Task 2: Responding and Interacting*. The stimulus materials for Task 2 can be accessed via Portal. The stimulus materials are for assessment in Summer 2024 and Autumn 2024.

The next set of stimulus materials, due to be uploaded on 1 September 2024, will be for assessment in Summer 2025 and Autumn 2025, following the same pattern that was established when the specification was first taught in 2015.

IAMIS opens on 10 March with the deadline for mark submissions/samples being the 24 March. Centres will have to upload their learners' Individual Researched Presentations and Group Discussions via Surpass, along with the [record keeping mark sheet](#) and any notes that were used during the assessments. Please be aware that there is a new English Language Unit 1 record keeping mark sheet that contains a statement about the use of Artificial Intelligence that centres are expected to use for Summer 2024 onwards.

For learners wishing to re-sit the qualification after entering it in the November, a carry-forward of marks is available as outlined in the specification.

English Literature Unit 3 NEA

The English Literature non-examination task for candidates whose work will be submitted in March 2025 is now available on the secure website. It can be accessed by navigating to Resources on the left-hand side of the screen > Non-Examination

Assessment Tasks; fill in the dropdown tabs on the options screen: English Literature - WJEC - GCSE - Non-Examination Assessment Tasks. The tasks for 2026 will be posted in April.

There is a wide range of marked exemplar available on the secure website to help centres standardise their NEA marking. The exemplar has been marked and annotated by the Principal Moderator. It can be accessed by navigating to Resources > Subject-Specific Support Material inc CPD and Exemplars and then fill in the drop down boxes on the options screen. If you do not have access to Portal, please contact the examinations officer at your centre.

Centres are reminded that there are a range of resources to support the teaching and learning of the poems in the anthology. The resources can be accessed [here](#). Theatre Adhoc have kindly created readings from the GCSE poetry anthology which can be accessed [here](#).

IAMIS opens for the submission of NEA marks on 9 March 2024. The deadline for the sample to be with the moderator is 24 March 2024 for mainstream centres and 5 May 2024 for FE colleges, sixth form centres and special schools. Moderator details will be shown once the marks have been inputted.

Please be aware that there is also a new [English Literature Unit 3 Coversheet](#) that centres must use when submitting NEA in 2024 as this now contains a statement about the use of Artificial Intelligence.

6. New Teaching and Learning Resources

We are delighted to showcase new teaching and learning resources developed by WJEC to support teachers and learners.

There are a range of blended learning resources available for GCSE English Literature on our Digital Resources site that are designed to complement traditional face-to-face teaching with an online learning pack that allows learners to work at their own pace. They can be used as revision by learners, as part of catch-up, or for flipped learning. These resources contain interactive self-study content covering:

- [Unit 1A *Of Mice and Men*](#)
- [Unit 1A *To Kill a Mockingbird*](#)
- [Unit 1B Unseen Poetry](#)
- [Unit 1B and Unit 3B Making Meaningful Comparisons](#)
- [Unit 2a *Heroes*](#)
- [Unit 2a *An Inspector Calls*](#)
- [Unit 2b *Lord of the Flies*](#)
- [Unit 2b *A View from the Bridge*](#)
- [Unit 2b *Blood Brothers*](#)
- [Unit 2b *A Christmas Carol*](#)
- [Unit 3a *Romeo and Juliet*](#)
- [Unit 3a *Macbeth*](#)
- [Developing critical analysis](#)
- [KS 3-4 Bridging Unit for English Language / Literature](#)
- [Exploring literary presentations](#)
- [Making productive use of contextual understanding](#)

Blended learning resources are also available for GCSE English Language on our Digital Resources site and contain interactive self-study content covering:

- [Reading skills](#)
- [Word meaning](#)
- [Analysing text](#)
- [Implied meaning](#)
- [Summarising information](#)
- [Comparison](#)
- [Synthesis](#)
- [Editing](#)
- [Sequencing information](#)
- [Identifying and retrieving](#)
- [Technical accuracy](#)
- [Developing detail](#)
- [Exam writing tasks](#)
- [Structuring a response](#)
- [Proofreading](#)
- [Planning](#)

Our Digital Resources site also houses a collection of Knowledge Organisers, which could be used for revision or as a starting point for creating your own knowledge organisers. Explore our series for GCSE English Literature [here](#). Explore our series for GCSE English Language [here](#).

We also have Exam Walk-Throughs, aimed at learners, for each examined unit. These resources offer practical hints and tips on how to effectively approach questions in the examination paper. Using questions from past exam papers, the PowerPoint with audio help and audio script in the notes will walk learners through a mock examination paper, helping them revise and practise useful exam techniques.

[GCSE English Literature Exam Walk-Throughs](#)

[GCSE English Language Exam Walk-Throughs](#)

7. Professional Learning

For GCSE English Language, there will be three face-to-face Professional Learning events reviewing Assessment and Classroom Practice for Units 1, 2 and 3. The dates are:

[Tuesday 16 January – Llandudno 9:30-3:30](#)

[Tuesday 23 January – Cardiff 9:30-3:30](#)

[Wednesday 24 January – Swansea 9:30-3:30](#)

8. Have you considered becoming an Examiner?

As the entry for WJEC GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature is growing, we are keen to appoint new examiners. Examining is an excellent way of learning more about the requirements of the exam and thus supporting your students and developing your skills. It also provides a useful additional income. For further details, please see the [Appointees section](#) of the website.

9. Key dates

Key dates for the coming year have been posted on the WJEC website:

- [GCSE English Language](#)

- [GCSE English Literature](#)

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