

# GCSE English Language and English Literature Newsletter

## September 2017

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

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### Summer 2017 examinations

If you haven't already seen your NEA moderation report, you can access this via the [WJEC secure website](#). Click on 'Internal Assessment' then the relevant examination series (e.g. GCSE English Literature Summer 2017) and you will be able to 'View Moderator Report'.

The summer series past papers and mark schemes are available for download from the [WJEC secure website](#). Click on 'Resources' and then 'Past papers and mark schemes'.

### Analysing candidates' results

In helping centres interpret their examination results, WJEC has produced [guidance on using item level data](#) to evaluate performance and identify strengths and weaknesses for individuals and cohorts.

### Principal examiners' reports

In conjunction with item level data analysis, centres would find it useful to read the [Principal Examiners' Report in English Language](#) and the [Principal Examiners' Reports in English Literature](#) in reviewing learners' examination performances.

## New resources

The WJEC [Online Exam Review website](#) houses a collection of interactive units that bring together a number of elements including general data, exam questions, their marking schemes and examiner comments, which will lead you through a review of exam questions. Centres have found these materials very helpful as a teaching and learning resource in preparing learners for exams. Candidate responses to this summer's external assessments are now available on the OER site.

### English Language Unit 1 Oracy

The new Task 2 – Responding and Interacting stimulus materials for assessment in 2018- can be found on the WJEC secure website using the following steps, Resources > Non-Examination Assessment Tasks > GCSE English Language / English Literature > 3700QS GCSE English Language – Non Examination Assessment Tasks (entry in 2018)

They can be found alongside the letter about secure storage of recordings, guidelines for NEA and the record keeping mark sheet.

**Where candidates do not wish to enter new marks for Unit 1: Oracy in the November 2017 re-sit series, they can carry forward their marks from a previous sitting of the qualification. Instead of submitting marks on IAMIS (via the secure website), there will be an option to CF (carry forward).**

### English Literature Unit 3 NEA

The new task for assessment in 2019 is now available on the secure website. Use the following steps: Resources > Non-Examination Assessment Tasks > GCSE English Language / English Literature > 3720QS GCSE English Literature – Non-Examination Tasks (entry in 2019)

There is a set of resources to support the teaching of eight of the poems from the anthology for the WJEC English Literature specification for submission in **March 2018**. The resources are designed to be used alongside the specified poems for the controlled assessment task. The resources include a General Teachers' Notes file detailing suggested approaches for using the resource and for comparing, reading and responding to poems. Each poem is presented as a digital file (either fully interactive or as a PowerPoint file), containing activities which may be used to explore the poems' style, language, structure, form and content. The Teachers Notes' file for each poem may be used alongside these digital files to elicit further discussion. Video and audio clips also support the work. Please note that due to copyright restrictions the Dylan Thomas resource is housed on the WJEC secure site.

Resources can be found [here](#).

## CPD autumn 2017

This autumn, we will be providing CPD meetings to review the recent GCSE English Language and GCSE Literature assessments and Examiners' Reports, and explore marked candidates' work. It will also consider how feedback on assessments can inform, develop and improve teaching and learning.

Please note that the GCSE English Language and the GCSE English Literature CPD events will be separate this year.

To find your nearest meeting and to book your place, please visit our website [here](#).

The materials from previous CPD meetings are available on the [WJEC secure website](#). To locate them, click on 'Resources' and select the link 'Subject Specific Support Materials including CPD'.

We are keen to hear how else you feel WJEC could be supporting you with the delivery of GCSE English Language qualification; please contact us at [gcseenglish@wjec.co.uk](mailto:gcseenglish@wjec.co.uk) (with 'CPD' as the subject line).

## Key dates: Key dates for English Language

### **November examination series reminder**

Entries deadline: 4<sup>th</sup> October

Date for IAMIS to open for the submission of new Oracy marks: 12<sup>th</sup> October

Date for NEA Oracy submission for resit candidates to be with the moderator: 5<sup>th</sup> November

Date of GCSE English Language resit examination: 7<sup>th</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> November

Date of results: 11<sup>th</sup> January

## Key dates: Key dates for English Literature

Entries deadline for January Unit 1: 21<sup>st</sup> October

Date of examination: 9<sup>th</sup> January

Date of results: 8<sup>th</sup> March

Entries deadline for summer entries: 21<sup>st</sup> February

Date for IAMIS to open for submission of Unit 3 NEA marks: 9<sup>th</sup> March

Deadline for NEA samples to be with the moderator: 24<sup>th</sup> March

## Next bulletin

The next issue will be sent out in January. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please get in touch.

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