

# GCSE English Language and English Literature Newsletter September 2022

Welcome back. We hope you have had a good summer and are returning refreshed for the new term.

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## 1. Summer 2022 Results

GCSE results in English Language and English Literature were published in August. 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. To locate them, select 'Past Papers & Marking Schemes' from the 'Resources Menu' at the top of the screen:



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Remember that 29 September is the last date for receipt of applications for Reviews of Marking and Reviews of Moderation (ROMMAs) and for the request of electronic copies of scripts for teaching and learning purposes. Please see our website for more details.

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 2022) and you will be able to 'View Moderator Report'

## 2. Analysing Candidates Results

WJEC 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. To do this, under the 'Results' tab, click on 'View/Print Item Level Data' or 'View/Print Centre Performance' for comparable data.

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.

[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 2022 examinations are available now for [GCSE English Language](#) and [GCSE English Literature](#).

*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 in order to fully access the exemplar material.*

## 3. Principal Examiners' Reports

The Principal reports for GCSE [English Language](#) and [English Literature](#) provide feedback on the previous series and are available on the website subject pages. Please read them carefully as they provide helpful observations and commentary on candidates' performance across the examined series that could help prepare learners for the next series.

## 4. Autumn 2022 Examinations

The GCSE English Language Unit 1: Oracy submission deadline is 5th November and centres will have to upload their learners' Individual Researched Presentations and Group Discussions via Surpass, along with the new [record keeping mark sheets](#) and any notes that were used during the assessments. For learners wishing to re-sit the qualification after entering it in the summer, a carry-forward of marks is available as outlined in the specification.

Please be aware that there is also a new [English Literature Unit 3 Coversheet](#).

IAMIS opens for the submission of marks on 22nd October; samples should be with the moderator by 5th November.

The Unit 2 examination is [timetabled](#) for the morning of 7th November and the Unit 3 examination is timetabled for the morning of the 9th November.

The publication of results for the autumn 2022 examination series will be 12th January.

Please be aware that this, and all future, exam series, will be un-adapted. For Unit 1, Task 2: Responding and Interacting has been reintroduced for assessment, with the stimulus materials being uploaded to the WJEC secure website on 6th June. The stimulus materials are for assessment in Autumn 2022, Summer 2023 and Autumn 2023. The next set of stimulus materials, due to be uploaded on 1st September 2023, will be for assessment in Summer 2024 and Autumn 2024, following the same pattern that was established when the specification was first taught in 2015.

For Unit 2 Section B2, narration writing will now feature as a possible choice alongside exposition

writing and description writing. For Unit 3, Section B, both extended writing tasks are compulsory meaning that the duration of the paper has returned to two hours and the total mark has returned to 80 marks.

## 5. Advance Information 2022/23

As confirmed by [Qualifications Wales](#), advance information will be provided for the 2022/23 academic year. Advance information for the November series for GCSE English Language is available now via the secure website.

The advance information document provides the focus of the content of the November 2022 examination papers. It does not apply to any other examination series. It is intended to support revision. It may be used at any time from the date of release. It must not be taken into the examination.

## 6. Professional Learning (CPD) 2022/23

This autumn, we will be hosting professional learning meetings to review the summer 2022 assessments, making reference to the Principal Examiners' Reports, as well as to marked candidates' work. The professional learning meetings will also consider how feedback on assessments can inform, develop and improve teaching and learning.

WJEC GCSE English Language and English Literature will host three separate full day face to face events and one online event for each of the non-examined and examined units. Details of the courses can be found on our [subject webpage](#).

To book your place on one of our upcoming events, please visit our [website](#).

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'.

## 7. Resources

For each of our GCSE English qualifications, our teams have created many digital resources that will offer invaluable support in the last push to prepare learners for their examinations.

### English Language

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

- [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 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.

## English Literature

Remember to access the wide range of free digital resources available on the [Digital Resources website](#) to support the delivery of our English qualifications.

For English Literature, there are plenty of new and engaging resources tailored to support you in delivering WJEC GCSE English Literature. These can be found on the [Resources](#) tab on the Website.

Under [Digital Resources](#), you will find: interactive **blended learning resources** on texts such as *Of Mice and Men*, *Heroes*, *An Inspector Calls*, *Blood Brothers* and *A Christmas Carol*, as well as poetry resources for the NEA; **Knowledge Organisers** for examination and NEA texts and for the unseen poetry comparison; and an **Exam Walk Through** for each of the English Literature examinations. These blended learning resources and knowledge organisers can be used independently by learners to support their learning.

Exciting new interactive **blended learning resources** are currently being produced for WJEC GCSE English Literature, so watch this space!

[Sample Assessment Materials](#) are available within the Key Documents tab on the WJEC GCSE English Literature website. This document contains sample examination papers and detailed marking guidelines.

The [Teachers' Guide](#) also offers detailed advice on ways to successfully deliver the specification, from guidance in delivering the NEA and advice for examination preparation, to long-term course plans and mark schemes. We have a detailed [Resource Guide](#), which is an essential document for teachers as it curates the key support, guidance and resources offered by WJEC.

## 8. Have you considered becoming an Examiner?

As the entries for WJEC GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature grows, 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](#)
- [Entry Level](#)

## 10. Develop WJEC GCSE skills through WJEC ELC

Centres are reminded that learners who are not able to access GCSE English Language can be entered for Entry Level Certificate in English. This qualification contains one external assessment component and two non-examination assessment components which provide many of the

assessment methods associated with GCSE English Language e.g. multiple choice questions, editing, sequencing, proof reading and extended writing.

The specification, specimen assessment materials, resources, key dates and resources for teachers can be found on the [Entry Level English](#) subject webpage. A review of the Summer 2022 examination series will be taking place via a [webinar](#) on 18<sup>th</sup> January.

## 11. Next newsletter

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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