



## **GCSE WELSH LITERATURE 2026**

### **GUIDANCE FOR ORAL EXAMINATIONS – UNIT 3**

#### **ORAL EXAMINATION DATES**

#### **GCSE**

**WELSH LITERATURE**

April 16 (Foundation Tier) and April 17 (Higher Tier)

#### **Text**

Y Weithred (Reading Text – Epynt)

Y Gwyll (Reading Text – Tân)

## GCSE WELSH LITERATURE 2026

Candidates will be assessed through a formal examination held on **16 and 17 April 2026**. The examination for the Foundation Tier will be held on **16 April** and the examination for the Higher Tier will be held on **17 April**. Tasks will be set externally by WJEC and are to be completed in groups under the teacher's guidance. **Examination packs should not be opened until the morning of the examination.**

### Preparation

The candidates' attainment should be assessed regularly. In accordance with the teacher's knowledge of the candidates, **groups of 3**. If this is not possible due to the number of candidates in the teaching group, work from a pair of candidates will be permitted.

A candidate may only sit the examination once during the day. A candidate may not assist in a group if assessed with another group.

Teachers should ensure, to the best of their ability, that the members of the group, even if they do not represent the same marks, should at least represent **the same range of marks**. It is the centre's responsibility to moderate candidates' marks within the centre.

A timetable should be prepared – about **25 minutes** for each group.

### Arrangements on the day of the examination

Teachers should:

- follow the guidelines for recording (page 3)
- allow **25 minutes preparation time** for each group (**examination time – up to 20 minutes**)
- open the packages containing the stimulus questions for the group discussion
- allow the first group to prepare; a quiet and convenient room away from the examination should be provided for the preparation period
- call the first group in (the next group to start preparing)
- ensure that everyone is comfortable and sitting in a semi-circle
- explain that the group members will do most of the discussing, and that the teacher should hold back and allow the candidates to discuss, only changing direction when necessary
- note a mark for each candidate (see **Assessment** on page 4).

**Candidates should be supervised during the preparation period. During this period candidates within their group will prepare without interference.**

**Copies of printed texts and previously prepared notes are not permitted in the preparation room or the examination. Candidates are allowed to make their own brief notes during the preparation period if they so wish. Scripting the discussion is not permitted.**

**Candidates are not allowed to have mobile phones or any other electronic devices with them during the preparation period or the examination.**

## Recording

Each centre is requested to record the examinations of all groups. Please note that only a sample of groups will be sent to the moderator.

It is important for the oral examination to be conducted in a quiet environment, in a room where extraneous noises such as bells and shouts from the playing fields will not distract the candidates. The examination should not be interrupted in any way.

- The recording technique should be experimented with beforehand. The candidate's response should be clearly audible.
- You should ensure that the recordings are clearly named with the candidate number and name as appears on IAMIS e.g. 1234 Catrin Jones.
- It is recommended that centres use **mp3 files for audio files**.
- For Summer 2026 centres are expected to upload the sample to IAMIS.
- The teacher may have assistance in operating the recording if he/she wishes.
- The following details should be noted at the beginning of every recording:

GCSE Welsh Literature Oral Examination 2026 Foundation/Higher Tier (as appropriate);  
centre name and number.

It is important for the teacher conducting the test to introduce the members of the group by their names before commencing, so that each candidate's voice can be clearly identified e.g. "Candidate 9000, John Davies; Good morning, John..." or that the candidates present themselves including their examination numbers.

To further aid identification, the candidate's name should be used when asking questions during the examination.

## Assessment

Discussion of Literature as Film: 40 marks (no more than 20 minutes).

Group discussion – **A marking scheme will be provided with the Teacher's Copy of the examination.**

When assessing, teachers should make full use of the range of marks, in order to note the differences between candidates' standards. The oral examination is assessed on both tiers - Higher and Foundation.

## Moderating a sample of groups

All the candidates' marks will be submitted on-line via WJEC's secure website (IAMIS).

The candidates for the sample will be chosen through the on-line system.

The computer will choose candidates on each marking band and will ensure that each teaching group is represented in the sample.

The marks awarded to each candidate included in the sample should be noted on the appropriate mark sheets (see examples in this booklet).

The names and marks of the other candidates in the same groups as the candidates chosen by the computer should be included on the mark sheets.

LLÊN/3S (UNIT 3 3010N30-1)  
LLÊN/3U (UNIT 3 3010NC0-1)

The recording should be uploaded as soon as possible after the examinations to reach the moderator by **5 May** at the latest.

The remainder of the recordings should be stored safely, should WJEC require further evidence in ensuring fair moderation within the centre. WJEC has the right to ask centres to send another sample if the quality of the recording is not clear enough for moderation purposes.

## IAMIS Instructions (uploading the work)

- Your centre will receive IAMIS guidelines at the beginning the spring term.
- You must ensure that the complete sample (the correct number of groups as they appear on *IAMIS* are uploaded to.
- The following documents **only** should be scanned and uploaded for Unit 3;
  - o Unit 3 mark sheet (LLÊN/3S 3010N30-1 **or** LLÊN/3U 3010NC0-1) – Please ensure that all candidates' marks identified in the sample, and their groups' marks are included on the mark sheet in rank order (with the sample on the highest mark first on the mark sheet). **You will not need to scan an individual mark sheet for every group.** Save the complete mark sheet (for everyone in the sample and their partners) and then **upload the sheet** alongside the work of the **first candidate** selected by IAMIS for the sample.
  - o The candidates' examination number first and then their correct/full names (as they appear on *IAMIS* and on the examination register):

First name(s) and then surname

The following formats are accepted: **pdf, doc, mp3**.

- 1 recording for each candidate in sample
- Mark sheet (LLÊN/3S 3010N30-1 **or** LLÊN/3U 3010NC0-1) including complete sample

**To upload:**

1. Alongside each candidate in the sample, you will see the upload button.
  2. Click on the button and you will be able to choose the file(s) you wish to upload.
  3. Select your chosen file(s) and click 'open'.
  4. The file(s) that have been uploaded will be displayed against the candidate.
  5. Information on the types of files and what needs to be uploaded are given below.
  6. Further information on uploading is available in the [Internal Assessment Mark Input System Step-by-Step Guides](#).
- Sample should be uploaded between **April 16/17 and May 5**.
  - **No sample will be accepted after May 5.**
  - If a second sample is required, the moderator will select candidates for that sample. WJEC contact the centre by email.

**Preparation time for candidates eligible for extra time**

Here are suggested guidelines regarding how to schedule oral assessments for candidates who have extra time who are working in groups of candidates without access to extra time. These suggested guidelines have been confirmed by our special requirements officer at WJEC.

The extra time is only allocated to those who have access to extra time for the **preparation time only** and not for the assessment.

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Rhif Arholiad yr Ymgeisydd <i>Candidate's Examination No.</i>	Enw'r Ymgeisydd (Cyfenw yn gyntaf) <i>Candidate's Name (Surname first)</i>  <b>PRIFLYTHRENAU – BLOCK CAPITALS</b>  Rhaid rhestru pob ymgeisydd sydd o fewn grŵp <i>All candidates within a group should be listed</i>	Y Weithred		Y Gwyll		Cyfanswm Marciau'r Ganolfan	Marciau'r Safonwr <i>Moderator's Marks</i>	Swyddfa'n unig <i>Office use only</i>
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<b>HAEN UWCH HIGHER TIER</b>
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