

WJEC English Literature

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1. GCSE English Literature

Dates for your diary

The Summer 2017 examinations timetable has now been finalised. The key dates are now available on the [WJEC website](#).

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Resources

We are continually developing a wide range of resources to support you in the delivery of our qualifications.

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You can also take a look at our [Online Exam Review](#) on the WJEC website. Our OER is an innovative, interactive tool designed to help teachers improve standards in the classroom.

Teacher Training

We are holding a series of training courses to assist you in the delivery of our GCSE English Literature qualifications.

- Thursday 10 November 2016, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
[Cardiff](#)
[Book this course »](#)
- Friday 11 November 2016, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
[Llanelli](#)
[Book this course »](#)
- Friday 18 November 2016, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
[Llandudno](#)
[Book this course »](#)
- Tuesday 6 December 2016, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
[Llandrindod Wells](#)
[Book this course »](#)

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If any course dates have closed for online bookings or are fully booked, please email our dedicated CPD team at cpd@wjec.co.uk for assistance.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will there be a resit opportunity for the legacy specification?

Yes. There will be a resit opportunity for Unit 1 and Unit 2 in January 2017. There will be no Controlled Assessment resit. The 40% terminal assessment rule will still apply to all centres in Wales.

Can candidates do the literature course in one year?

Yes, candidates are free to sit the exams whenever they wish. There is no age requirement.

Will there still be an opportunity to sit Unit 1 in January?

Yes, GCSE English Literature remains a unitised qualification.

Is GCSE English Literature still tiered?

Yes. GCSE English Literature retains its tiers.

Will there be CPD for the new specification?

Yes. There will be a series of one day events that will look at approaches to the teaching and learning of the new specification.

Where can I access the new Non Examination Assessment tasks?

The NEA tasks can be found on the [secure website](#)

What are the codes for the new examinations?

The entry codes can be found on page 18 of the [specification](#).

Will there be a set of resources to support the new poetry selection?

Yes. Resources for 'Parents and children' can be found on our [Resources Website](#)

Do centres still need to submit a list of 15 poems that they will be studying in preparation for the Unseen Poetry section of the examination?

No. There is no longer any requirement for centres to provide us with this information.

When is the deadline for the submission of the Non Examination Assessment tasks?

The deadline is 24th March for all mainstream centres and the 5th of May for PRUs and special schools.

2.GCE AS and A level English Literature

What's new?

- It is now possible to nominate texts for A level English Literature non-exam assessment via the WJEC [secure website](#). The deadline for submitting nominations is **October 31st** to allow sufficient time for a response and re-nomination if necessary before **November 31st** after which date the online service will be removed from the secure website. **N.B:** all texts to be studied for this unit count towards the requisite number of 8 texts on the course as a whole, and should be of equal substance and challenge.
- Assessment grids for all units are now available on the WJEC website as a discrete document and can be accessed below:

[GCE AS/A Level Assessment Grids](#)

- We have a number of digital resources which you might find helpful:

[AS/A Level Teachers' Guide](#)

[Analysing Unseen Poetry](#)

- You can find a list of recommended set texts with the ISBN numbers if you click on the following link. It is important, for open-book examinations, that the centre uses the recommended text:

[AS/A Level set texts](#)

- For those of you studying Joe Orton's *Loot*, Dr Emma Parker from the University of Leicester is running a celebration of the 50th anniversary of its first production. It's being held at the New Walk Museum and Art Gallery in Leicester on 25th September. On the previous night you could also attend 'An Evening with Kenneth Cranham'. Cranham, the winner of the 2016 Olivier Award for Best Actor, will be discussing his relationship with Orton as well as the playwright's work. You can book these events [here](#).
- The examiners' reports for legacy qualification and the new specification in Wales are now available on the website:

[New AS specification](#)

[Legacy specification](#)

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Teacher Training

We are holding a series of training courses to assist you in the delivery of our reformed GCE AS and A level English Literature qualifications.

- Thursday 24 November 2016, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
[Llandudno](#)
[Book this course »](#)
- Wednesday 30 November 2016, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
[Carmarthen](#)
[Book this course »](#)
- Thursday 01 December 2016, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
[Cardiff](#)
[Book this course »](#)

Our Approaches to Teaching full day courses will review the recent AS assessment and examiners report whilst sharing good practice and considering approaches to teaching key elements of both the AS and A level specifications.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do we nominate texts for Non-Exam Assessment (NEA)?

Please nominate texts via the secure website (www.wjecservices.co.uk). If you don't already have access to this, please see your examinations officer for a username and password. Texts should be nominated by 31st October.

When is the deadline for NEA submission?

In order to allow for your NEA sample to reach your moderator by 15 May 2017, marks should be entered on the 'Internal Assessment Mark Input System' (IAMIS), found on the secure website, at least a week before. Once you have submitted the marks, the system will generate the sample. You can also find the moderator's details on this system.

For the A level specification, if we are teaching Donne, Keats or Rossetti for Unit 3, Section A (Poetry pre-1900), do we have to teach all the poems in the collection? Is there a list of poems we should teach?

We wouldn't expect centres to teach all the poems in the collection but there isn't a specific list. As a general guide, we would advise teachers to look at between 20-30 poems in the classroom while encouraging candidates to read and study some more poems independently. This should enable the candidates to have a good handle on the way the poet writes and the ideas he is interested in so that whichever named poem comes up in the exam, they should be able to tackle it with understanding. The named poem will also be one of the major poems in the collection.

Could the named poem in Unit 3, section A (A Level) be an extract from a longer poem?

It won't be an extract from a longer poem. The longer poems can obviously be used for the second part of the question for the extended essay.

Are there any rules for open-book examinations?

Texts must not be annotated. Candidates should use clean copies only. It is not permissible to annotate copies during the exam while photocopies of texts cannot be used as there may be copyright issues involved.

Are there recommended versions of set texts?

You can find the recommended versions [here](#). It is especially important that candidates use the correct version for open-book examinations.

3. Examiner and Moderator Vacancies

We continue to recruit examiners and moderators for all of our subjects. If you are interested in examining for us please visit the website for further details and to [apply](#).

Examining and moderating are [rewarding careers](#) offering a unique opportunity to gain a greater understanding of your subject. The work is flexible and can be done in your own time alongside your current teaching position.

Where there are no vacancies, your application will be stored and referred to as and when vacancies become available.

4. Secure Website

The WJEC [Secure Website](#) provides access to a range of resources including circulars, past papers and marking schemes. The Secure Website can be accessed by authorised staff at centres that work with WJEC. If your centre is not registered, please ask your exams officer to email securewebsite@wjec.co.uk stating centre number, centre name, contact name and contact email address. Your exams officer can give you access to the secure website.

5. Email Updates

Encourage your colleagues to sign up for English Literature updates and be kept informed of the latest developments and important information. Visit our [website](#) to subscribe.

6. Useful Contacts

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our dedicated team.

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