

Autumn 2016

2015 SPECIFICATION FOR FIRST AWARD IN 2017 GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE



Frequently Asked Questions

Legacy specification re-sit opportunities in November 2016 and June 2017

- Are candidates able to carry-forward marks from units that were previously cashed-in?
- Does the 40% terminal assessment rule still apply?
- If candidates wish to enter new written controlled assessment for Unit 3, which tasks should they use?

Resources PDF Download > Controlled Assessment Materials > GCSE English / English Language / English Literature > Controlled Assessment Tasks (entry in November 2016 / June 2017 – LEGACY RE-SIT ONLY)

- Can candidates just re-submit one piece of CA for Unit 3 and/or one piece of S&L for Unit 4?

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New specification

- Where can I find the stimulus materials for Task 2 – Responding and Interacting for entry in June 2017?

Resources PDF Download > Controlled Assessment Materials > GCSE English / English Language / English Literature > Non Examination - Assessment Tasks (entry in 2017 – new specification)

- As I work in a PRU/Special School/FE centre, do my candidates have a later deadline for Unit 1: Oracy?
- Can candidates carry-forward their Unit 1: Oracy mark for re-sit purposes?
- Does the 40% terminal assessment rule still apply in June and November?
- When can I enter my candidates and what are the entry codes?
- Which grade counts towards performance measures when the qualification is sat more than once?

Unit 1 Oracy

- The full DVD of exemplar material will be sent to centres after the last CPD session
- There will be 5 Individual Researched Presentations and 3 Group Discussions on this DVD
- A commentary will be available for each candidate/activity on the DVD and will contain formative and summative comments as well as the split marks
- The commentary will be posted on the secure website at the same time that the DVD is sent to centres
- There is no longer any requirement to submit standardisation assessment sheets to WJEC prior to submitting Unit 1: Oracy marks
- All notes should be sent in with the sample. There are examples of notes in your delegate packs. Notes can be in hard copy or scanned on to your storage device

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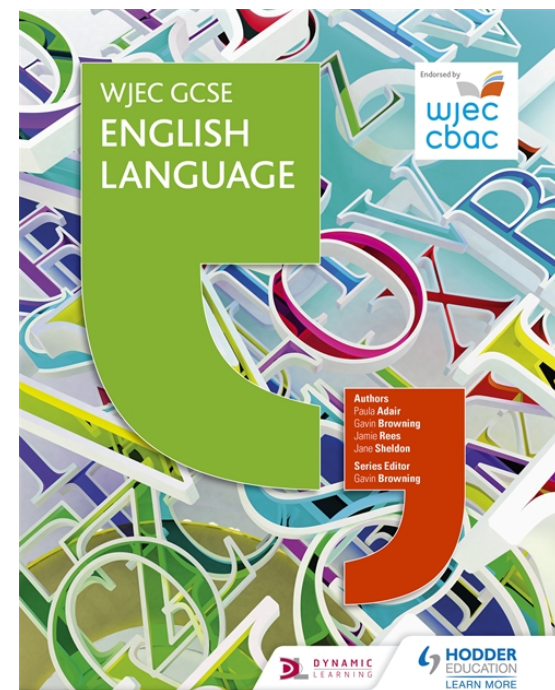
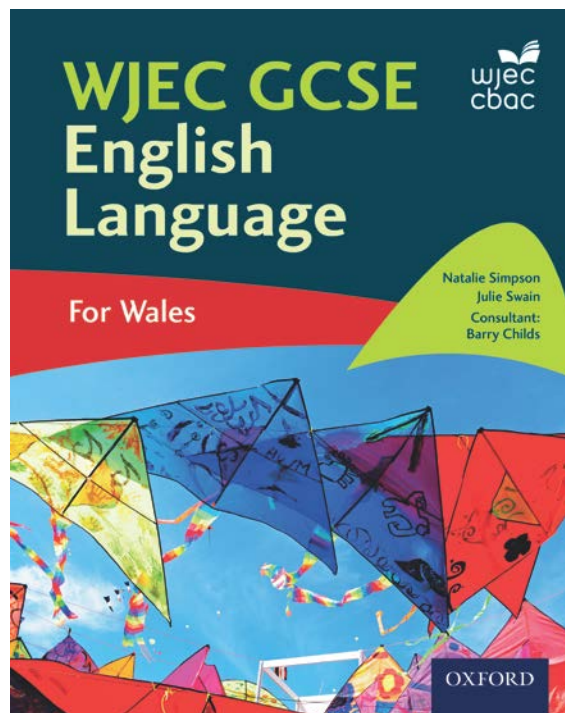
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- We appoint examiners to mark externally assessed work and moderators to review the original marking of teachers for internally assessed components or units
- We provide face-to-face training for examiners and moderators (appointees) prior to assessment work commencing
- Our senior examiners and subject officers provide support and advice during the assessment period

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete an application using the on-line application system available on the [Appointees](#) page of the WJEC website
- Once you have completed the initial registration, please make sure that you validate your email account so that you can complete the application process
- When you have completed your application, remember to click 'submit' on the homepage, to complete the process
- Remember to inform your referee of your application, as sometimes delays occur due to referees not completing the reference section
- On rare occasions, applicants may not be accepted due to a lack of relevant teaching experience
- Applicants may re-apply once they have gained sufficient experience
- Some applicants will be approved, but may have to wait on the reserve list until a suitable vacancy arises

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For Unit 1 exemplification

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exemplification:*

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