



GCSE and GCE French, German and Spanish Vocational Qualifications

Welcome back after the Easter break!

The Modern Foreign Languages Team at WJEC hope that you have had a chance to recharge the batteries and enjoy some spring sunshine with loved ones! As we begin the busy summer term we thought we would share some things with you. Please take a few moments to browse the newsletter for useful information and reminders.

Key Dates

The Assessment Window for conducting GCSE and GCE Speaking Examinations runs from Monday 3rd April until Friday 12th May 2023. Centres are reminded to upload their recordings to Surpass within 2 working days of completing the speaking exams.

The upload/submission deadline for Vocational Languages (Language Pathways and GBC) is **Friday 5th May**. Please take a few moments when uploading work to check that everything required is being submitted. This will ensure candidates' work can be sampled and moderated smoothly at this very busy time.

GCSE

MFL speaking assessments

Information for centres accessing the set allocations for candidates

The list allocating a set number to each candidate for the GCSE MFL speaking assessments can be accessed on the [secure website](#). Please note that this information is confidential and must not be shared with candidates prior to the assessment.

Select the blue tab at the top of the secure website landing page entitled **ENTRIES** and scroll down the menu to find **GCSE MFL – Set Allocation**. Select the session, paper (language and tier) to view the set allocation list for your candidates. When you press the **PDF** icon to print out the list, the teacher and the candidate authentication forms will also be printed. The printed information must be stored confidentially and securely until required for the Speaking assessments.

Unit 1 Guidance

We advise centres to download the [WJEC GCSE Unit 1 Instructions for Teacher Examiners](#) and to complete the checklist at the end of the document.

Following the speaking assessment, the [MFL Centre Form](#) must be signed and dated by each candidate and the teacher. Both the **MFL Centre Form** and the **set allocation list** must be scanned and uploaded to the Surpass site after the final assessment has taken place. An additional teacher/administrator key code is provided for this. Several forms can be uploaded using the same key code if the list needs to be copied for different teaching groups or teachers.

The Unit 1 exam papers can be accessed **three working days** before the date of your first exam, however they must be kept securely at the end of each day.

Unit 2 Listening Exams

Centres are reminded that there is an option to download mp3 tracks from the secure website for listening exams. Please call **029 20265 154** one working day before the date of the exam to receive the download code; this also applies to recordings for candidates who have been awarded 25% extra time.

GCE

Speaking assessments - support for centres conducting Unit 1 and Unit 3 exams

For the Unit 1 and Unit 3 Speaking there are a range of guidance materials available in the 'NEA speaking' sections of the [website](#) subject pages. These are designed to support teacher examiners who will be conducting the speaking assessments this year.

These include;

- [WJEC AS Unit 1 Instructions for Teacher Examiners](#).
- [WJEC A level Unit 3 Instructions for Teacher Examiners](#)
- a recording of the autumn 2021 Unit 1 [online CPD](#)
- a recording of the autumn 2022 Unit 3 [online CPD](#)
- a scripted PowerPoint [Guide to Unit 3 Speaking](#)

Following the speaking assessment, the [MFL Centre Form](#) must be signed and dated by each candidate and the teacher. The **MFL Centre Form** and the **IRP Pro Forma** must be scanned and uploaded to the Surpass site after the final assessment has taken place. An additional teacher/administrator key code is provided for this. Several forms can be uploaded using the same key code if the list needs to be copied for different teaching groups or teachers.

The AS Unit 1 exam papers can be accessed **three working days** before the date of your first exam, however they must be kept securely at the end of each day. Centres should note that there is no requirement to send your IRP Pro Forma documents to the WJEC by email or by post.

GCE Unit 2 and Unit 4 Listening

Centres are reminded that there is an option to download mp3 tracks from the secure website for listening exams. Please call **029 20265 336** one working day before the date of the exam to receive the download code.

Revision Support for Candidates

There are a range of useful digital resources available on the **Resources** tabs on the WJEC website subject pages for GCSE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#) and GCE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#).

[Exam Walk Throughs](#) (EWTs) are a free resource for both GCSE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#) and GCE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#). These comprise visual and audio PowerPoint guides to the exams, put together by our experts and designed with the learner in mind for independent use or as part of remote or blended learning.

[Teaching and Learning Guides](#) are free resources that are produced by our experts as a suggested approach for using our online resources for teachers of French, German or Spanish. The aim is to provide flexible comprehensive support for teachers.

Access to past papers, mp3 files and mark schemes

Here is a reminder how to access the materials for Wales MFL GCSE/GCE on the Secure Website:

Log on to the WJEC Secure Website. At the top of the screen click on the 'Resources' drop-down menu and select 'Past Papers and Marking Schemes'. This will bring up an options box, please choose the following:

- Subject French / German / Spanish
- Brand WJEC
- Level GCSE

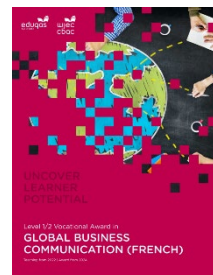
- Type of document All
- Year All
- Language English / Welsh

<https://www.wjecservices.co.uk/resourcessearch.asp>

Vocational Language Qualifications

Global Business Communication

The *new* revised qualification in Global Business Communication for teaching in September 2022 is now up and running. Please see our website for full details including specification and Sample assessment materials. [Global Business Communication Webpage](#)



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GBC - Professional Learning

We have held some free online CPD events this year; 'Ask the Subject Team – GBC' and also 'Next Steps'. These were opportunities for teachers who are starting to teach the new specification to ask questions about the course. The recordings of these will be available on the 'Training' > ['On Demand Webinars'](#) section of the website.

GBC Summer Series 2023 - Speaking Assessments

The window for conducting GBC speaking assessments will run from the 1st to the 21st May. The tasks will be available for download from the [secure website](#) from the 1st May.

GBC NEA submissions

Centres are reminded that the deadline for the submission of marks onto IAMIS for all NEA work is the 5th May. Please refer to the [Internal Assessment Mark Input System step by step guide](#) for further information. Once IAMIS has generated a candidate sample list, work will need to be uploaded onto the [Surpass](#) system.

Language Pathways

These qualifications offer learners the opportunity to get formal recognition for their language learning. Students produce evidence to demonstrate their language competence from a choice of three different themes which is internally assessed and externally moderated. Available in a range of levels (Entry Level, Level 1, and Level 2) and languages:

French
German
Spanish
Italian

Mandarin
Japanese
Cornish

Language Pathways Training and Support

In October we ran a [training and support webinar](#) looking at task design, assessing and exemplar materials. This is now available to watch and download in the [Training>On Demand Webinars](#) area of the website.

Language Pathways Summer Series 2023

The deadline to upload all candidate marks for Language Pathways onto IAMIS is the 5th May; centres are reminded that they must upload the candidate work, a task sheet and the candidate declaration form for each candidate selected in the sample (those candidates showing 's' next to their names). Failure to do so will mean that the work cannot be moderated. Please refer to the [Internal Assessment Mark Input System step by step guide](#) for further information.

For more information please see our webpage [Language Pathways](#) or contact Karl Sage at languages@wjec.co.uk

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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