



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 8th April** until **Friday 10th May 2024**. 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 **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 [Portal](#). 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 Portal 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 [Portal](#) for listening exams. Please call **029 20265 154** one working day before the date of the exam to receive the download code.

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](#)
- an on-demand scripted PowerPoint [AS/A level teacher conducted speaking assessment training Spring 2024](#)

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 Portal 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.

Qualification development - GCSE

We are continuing to work closely with a range of stakeholders across Wales to co-construct a new suite of GCSEs as part of Qualifications Wales's '*Qualified for the future*' project. Our approach will ensure the new qualifications are inclusive, engaging, support the curriculum, and are fit for the future. We will publish specifications by September 2024.

Qualification Outlines

You can access guides to the WJEC GCSE French / Spanish / German Qualification Outlines using these links:

English version: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/RykdxnGKACvp01rA?ref=Link>

Welsh version: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/sgYCFbP6D9GDBQ0p?ref=Link>

This Professional Learning resource provides a walk-through of our recently published Qualifications outlines for the new "Made for Wales" GCSE French/German/Spanish qualifications that will be available for teaching from September 2025.

The Qualification Outlines share initial information with you about the direction of development of the new GCSE French/Spanish/German specifications to support your planning for teaching and learning, and progression.

[Subscribe here](#) for updates.

Access to past papers, mp3 files and mark schemes

Here is a reminder how to access the materials for Wales MFL GCSE/GCE on [Portal](#):

Log on to the WJEC Portal. 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 / GBC
Brand	WJEC
level	GCSE/ GCE
Type of Document	All
Year	All
Language	English/Welsh

Vocational Language Qualifications

Global Business Communication

The *new* revised qualification in Global Business Communication for first 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](#)



GBC Key Dates

Centres are reminded that the deadline for the submission of marks onto IAMIS for all NEA work is **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.

The candidate and assessor packs for the above NEA Units are available for download from [Portal](#). The Global Business Communication qualifications are unitised qualifications with non-examination assessment briefs that change every other year.

Centres should therefore enter candidates for moderation in the year in which they complete the assessment.

To ensure that centres are not disadvantaged, we have taken a decision to extend the validity of the current Unit 1 Candidate and Assessor Packs to include the summer 2025 series. The current Candidate and Assessor packs available on Portal are therefore valid for the following assessment series:

Candidate Pack	Published	For submission in:
Unit 1	2022	Summer 2023 Summer 2024 Summer 2025
Unit 2 and 3	2023	Summer 2024 Summer 2025

The Unit 4 exams for French, German and Spanish will take place on Friday 14th June.

GBC Online Mock Examinations

Mock online exams are available for all centres entering for Unit 4 GBC in 2024. Please contact E-Assessment@wjec.co.uk for details.



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	Mandarin
German	Japanese
Spanish	Cornish
Italian	

Language Pathways Training and Support

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

Language Pathways Summer Series 2024

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 languages@wjec.co.uk

Next newsletter

The next issue will be sent out in the Autumn. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please get in touch.

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