



## January Newsletter 2024

### GCSE and GCE French, German and Spanish

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope that you have been able to enjoy a restful Christmas break and had a chance to recharge the batteries for the Spring term. There are a lot of things going on so please take time to read through the newsletter as it contains useful and important information for the new term.

### Qualified for the future: Bringing qualifications to life.

We are excited to be working closely with a range of stakeholders across Wales to co-construct a new suite of GCSEs as part of Qualifications Wales' *'Qualified for the future'* project.

Our approach will ensure the new qualifications are inclusive, engaging, support the curriculum, and are fit for the future.

Qualifications Wales has published their Decisions Report and Approval Criteria for the new suite of GCSEs. Our Qualification Development Team have been and will continue to actively engage with a broad range of stakeholders to create inspiring, innovative and exciting qualifications for learners in Wales.

### Here to support you

We will publish specifications by September 2024.

Our Qualifications Development team will provide regular updates throughout the process, and a package of bilingual teaching and learning resources and Professional Learning opportunities will be developed to support the delivery of these new qualifications.

Need further information? Please see our [FAQs](#) or contact us at [qualificationdevelopment@wjec.co.uk](mailto:qualificationdevelopment@wjec.co.uk). [Subscribe here](#) for updates.



## GCSE and GCE French, German and Spanish speaking units

### Speaking Window dates for 2024

The period of the speaking window for both GCE and GCSE will be **8<sup>th</sup> April-10<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. Please note that these dates will always include the Easter break.

### Important Reminder: MFL Centre Forms and the Allocation of Set Lists

Please remember to complete all paperwork for upload to WJEC:

- for GCSE; the [MFL Centre Form](#) and the Allocation of Set List
- for GCE; the [MFL Centre Form](#) and the [IRP Form](#) for Unit 3 A level

The paperwork covers authentication of candidate's work, GDPR requirements, a record of any candidate extra-time (officially granted) and allows examiners to check to which examining materials were used for each candidate. This information is vital for the smooth running and marking of the speaking assessment.

### Useful Speaking Guidance for Teachers

Here are the links to the documents providing speaking guidance for:

[Teacher guidance for Unit 1 GCSE speaking](#)

[Teacher conducted AS Unit 1](#)

[Teacher Conducted A Level Unit 3 Instructions for Teacher Examiners](#)

### Suggestions on approaching questions for the IRP

There is also a recorded [PowerPoint](#) containing advice and suggestions for teacher examiners conducting the A level Unit 3 speaking assessment. This is available in the Resources/NEA of the website. The recordings of the [Unit 1](#) and [Unit 3](#) webinars are also available in the Training/On Demand Webinars area of the GCE French/German/Spanish pages of the website.



## CPD programme 2023/2024

Please see below for details of our face-to-face CPD events taking place this term.

16/01/24	Cardiff	GCSE French
17/01/24	Cardiff	GCSE Spanish
22/01/24	Llandudno	GCSE French

Materials from the autumn/spring CPD programmes for GCSE and A level are now available on the [Secure Website](#).

Log on to the WJEC Secure Website. Click on the 'Resources' drop-down menu and select 'Subject-Specific Support Materials including CPD'. This will bring up an options box, please choose the following:

- Subject French / German / Spanish
- Brand WJEC
- Level GCSE/A level
- Type of document CPD
- Year 2022/2023
- Language English

## Resources for Teaching and Learning

There are a range of 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.

[Exemplar candidate work](#) is available on the subject pages of the website in the 'Exemplar' tab along with the marks and examiner feedback, leading you through a review of the exam questions. They include guidance on how examiner marks and



comments can be removed so that the materials can also be used as a teaching resource.

## **Analysing candidates' results**

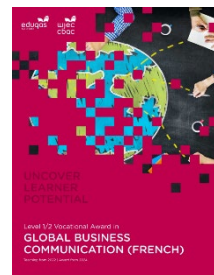
WJEC offers a service to help you understand your students' results and develop their exam skills: Exam Results Analysis.

**Exam Results Analysis** on the [secure website](#) allows you to compare your students' performance on each question with that of the candidature overall, letting you see where they have done well and where there might be room for improvement. To do this, under the 'Results' tab, click on 'View/Print Item Level Data' or 'View/Print Centre Performance' for comparable data.

## Vocational Language Qualifications

### Global Business Communication

The \*new\* revised qualification in Global Business Communication has been launched for first teaching in September 2022. This qualification offers an opportunity for students to learn languages in a relevant work context. Please see our website for full details including specification and sample assessment materials. [Global Business Communication Webpages](#)



### GBC NEA tasks – Units 1, 2 and 3

The candidate and assessor packs for the above NEA Units are available for download from the Secure 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 the secure website are therefore valid for the following assessment series:

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



## 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**

**Cornish**

**German**

**Mandarin**

**Spanish**

**Japanese**

**Italian**

For centres entering candidates for the Language Pathways certificates, please remember to upload the following items for each candidate selected in the IAMIS sample;

- [Candidate declaration form](#)
- Task sheet
- Candidate work

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

**Should you have any questions or wish to seek advice please contact the MFL Team on at WJEC: [languages@wjec.co.uk](mailto:languages@wjec.co.uk)**

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