

WJEC GCSE & A Level Art & Design

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1. Key dates for summer 2024

Externally Set Assignment paper released to teachers/candidates	GCSE: 2 nd January 2024 A Level: 1 st February 2024
Final Entries deadline	21 st February 2024
Moderator to contact centre to arrange visit date	April 2024
Externally Set Assignment 10/15 hours	Date(s) to be set internally within the centre
Marks to be submitted to WJEC	31 st May 2024
Creative/Learner Statements & Mark Sheets completed/printed	To be ready for your moderator on arrival
Moderation window	GCSE: 3 rd June – 5 th July 2024 A Level: 10 th June – 5 th July 2024

2. Use of Artificial Intelligence

Recent developments in the availability of Artificial Intelligence (AI) software has raised concerns about its potential misuse in non-examination assessments. JCQ has recently published guidance for centres: [AI Use in Assessments: Protecting the integrity of Qualifications](#).

AI can be used within Art & Design, for example, to generate or test ideas but it would need to be identified and referenced throughout the submission. The assessment criteria require the documentation of the process of candidate's work as well as evidence of development throughout.

It is also important to stress that centres are vigilant to the possibility of malpractice of this kind and have taken steps to ensure authenticity of work and ensure the integrity of the qualifications. It should be clear where and how AI features within the candidate's work.

3. Informing candidates of their marks

This is a reminder that before submitting marks, centres must ensure that they have followed their internal appeals procedure. Candidates must be informed of their centre assessed marks so that they may request a review of the centre's marking before marks are submitted to WJEC.

Candidates must be informed of their marks for all units and JCQ suggest they are given at least 5 working days to request a review of marking within the centre.

Further information is available in the [JCQ Guidance Document](#).

4. Internet use during the ESA 10/15 hours

During the Externally Set Assignment sustained focus period, Wi-Fi is generally prohibited unless the software the candidate is using requires Wi-Fi (typically with Photography, Graphics and 3D Design students).

If the candidate is using Wi-Fi during the exam, the teacher will need to monitor its use and ensure it is only used for internet-based software e.g. Cloud based packages or accessing a printer.

5. Portal

The [WJEC Portal](#) is the new replacement for the secure website and is where centres can make entries, input internal assessment marks, apply for post result services, as well as view results.

For more information, view the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to support your transition to Portal.

6. Moderator Recruitment

There are a number of moderator vacancies for next summer at both GCSE and GCE level. We are always looking to develop and expand our teams of moderators with dynamic Art and Design teachers who are looking for continuous professional development. If you are interested in these vacancies, please complete the online application before the end of February 2024. You can read more about becoming a moderator on the [Appointees page](#) of our website.

7. Contact Us

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Art & Design team at artanddesign@wjec.co.uk or 029 2240 4304.