

# WJEC GCSE MEDIA STUDIES

## NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2025

Welcome back to a new term. We hope you had a great holiday!

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### BECOME A MODERATOR OR EXAMINER

We are recruiting for GCSE, AS and A Level Film Studies moderators and examiners. Moderating and examining is excellent professional learning and a good way to earn extra money. All work is conducted from home, including an online training conference. If applying to become a Film Studies examiner, please state in your supporting statement which component you would prefer to mark. Full details and application form here:

[https://www.edugas.co.uk/ed/home/appointees/examinermoderator-vacancies/#tab\\_0](https://www.edugas.co.uk/ed/home/appointees/examinermoderator-vacancies/#tab_0)

### AUTUMN TERM PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Our new Assessment Feedback Package for 2024-25 is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how assessments are marked or moderated. This integrated suite of resources and training brings together free access to Principal Examiner reports, marked scripts, and online assessment feedback sessions, as well as a range of optional paid face-to-face Professional Learning events. Learn more about how you and your learners can benefit from our Assessment Feedback Package here: [Assessment Feedback Package 2024-25 \(wjec.co.uk\)](https://www.wjec.co.uk/assessment-feedback-package-2024-25).

You can download the most recent Principal Examiner Report and register for FREE, online feedback events on your qualification page.

We are holding free webinars in the coming months to support teachers remotely in delivering WJEC GCSE Media Studies. Follow the links below for more details and to book your place:

PL Type	Aims	Format and Notes
<a href="#">WJEC GCSE Media Studies: Feedback on summer assessments (Exam Unit 1)</a> FREE	<i>To support your understanding of the new qualification, its content and assessment structure. The live event will also refer to resources and upcoming PL and offer an opportunity to put questions to our Subject Teams and specification experts.</i>	<i>These live online events will be advertised on the WJEC website, and you will be required to register via a link.</i>  <i>The events will be presented by WJEC Subject Advisors with Q&amp;A support from WJEC Subject Officers. There will be English medium with Welsh translated materials.</i>
<a href="#">WJEC GCSE Media Studies: Feedback on summer assessments (Exam unit 2)</a> FREE	<i>To support teaching. There will be a focus on understanding the assessments, assessment objectives, content and teaching approaches based on the specification, sample assessment materials and guidance for teaching.</i>	<i>These events will be led by WJEC Subject Advisors and our expert presenting teams.</i>
<a href="#">WJEC GCSE Media Studies for New teachers and non-media specialists</a>  <a href="#">WJEC GCSE Media Studies: Analysing media texts for Unit 1 and 2</a>		

## MOVE TO IAMIS

In 2025, centre assessed NEA moderation samples will be uploaded via IAMIS. Centres will be able to input marks and upload samples on the same system and will not need to wait for key codes. More information will be provided via a circular in September.

## QUALIFICATION UPDATES

The new WJEC GCSE Digital Media and Film qualification is currently in the early stages of development. September 2025 will be the final time centres should begin delivery of the current WJEC GCSE Media Studies two-year course. Summer 2027 will be the final full assessment opportunity for this qualification. There will be a final resit opportunity available in January 2028 subject to demand. The resit opportunity will only be available to post-16 candidates who have previously cashed-in the qualification prior to January 2028. From September 2026, learners must not be entered into this legacy GCSE in Year 10.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We have a set of FAQs covering all aspects of the specification GCSE. You can access the FAQs on the WJEC GCSE Media Studies webpage under 'Key Documents', or at the links below:

- [WJEC GCSE Media Studies FAQs](#)

## RESOURCES

We have some resources to support teachers in the delivery of GCSE Media Studies:

- [Exam Walkthrough for Unit 1](#)
- [Exam Walkthrough for Unit 2](#)
- [Knowledge Organisers](#)

Resources to support the delivery of all components can be accessed under 'Digital Resources' on each webpage or on the [WJEC Resources Website](#).

We have an [Online Exam Review](#) for GCSE which looks at responses to selected questions from the 2019 & 2023 exam and provides examiner commentary.

The [secure website](#) includes a range of materials to support teaching, including materials from previous CPD events, past exam papers and mark schemes.

## CONTACT US

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the WJEC GCSE Media Studies team at [media@wjec.co.uk](mailto:media@wjec.co.uk) 029 2240 4308