



GCSE and GCE French, German and Spanish

Welcome to the new academic year 2020/21.

We hope that everyone has been able to relax over the summer period and recharge for the new academic year.

It has been tough for everyone in these unprecedented times, especially for teachers and learners. Thank you to all those who have kept in touch during the lockdown.

We recognise even more the need to support our teachers and learners. To this end staff at CBAC WJEC have been very busy working to provide materials to help teachers and learners.

1. New Resources for Teaching and Learning

All of these resources below will be available in the **Resources** tabs on the WJEC website subject pages for GCSE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#) and GCE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#).

Exam Walk Throughs (EWTs)

These are a free resource for both GCSE and GCE. These comprise visual and audio Powerpoint guides to the exams, put together by our experts. They are designed with the learner in mind to be used independently as part of remote or blended learning. Equally, teachers might find it useful to use as a group activity in class.

Teaching and Learning Guides

These are free resources that have been 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 comprehensive support for teachers however they might have to conduct their teaching and learning during the coming year.

Resource Booklets

These have been produced as quick guides to locating materials on our new website and on the Secure website.

New 'Exemplar' Tab

Exemplar candidate work will soon be available on the subject pages of the website along with the marks and examiner feedback, leading you through a review of the exam questions. They will also include guidance on how examiner comments can be removed so that the materials can also be used as a teaching resource.

2. Guides to amendments to assessment in 2021

We have produced a Powerpoint guide to amendments made to GCSE MFL assessments for Summer 2021.

The above is in addition to all the usual information available on our website including information on the adaptations to the GCSE French/German/Spanish examinations for summer 2021.

3. 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 'Subject-Specific Support Materials including CPD'. This will bring up an options box, please choose the following:

- Subject French / German / Spanish
- Brand Wales
- Level GCSE
- Type of document All
- Year All
- Language English / Welsh

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

4. Online Exam Review (OER)

[Online Exam Review](#) provides a number of marked candidate responses to key questions in an interactive format. Here you will find a collection of interactive units that bring together a number of elements including general data, exam questions, their marking schemes and examiner comments, which will lead you through a review of exam questions.

Some exemplars from the Summer 2019 examinations are available on the public website; further materials will be available in the near future. If you are accessing the documents using Chrome as a browser, you will need to disable the Chrome PDF Viewer to open them.

5. CPD Autumn 2020

Modern Foreign Languages (French, German and Spanish) autumn programme

[Pre-recorded Webinars \(a free resource\)](#)

We have been busy producing pre-recorded webinars as training material for teachers, one for each language at GCSE and at A level. **Mark Like an Examiner for GCSE Unit 4** and **Mark Like an Examiner for GCE Units 2 and 5** provide useful information and practice materials for teachers wishing to improve their marking skills for these papers. They will be available for French, German and Spanish on the subject pages of the website and have been written by experts with an in-depth practical knowledge of these units.

Live CPD Webinars for Autumn 2020 (chargeable)

Due to the current ongoing situation, face-to-face training is not possible. However, we are providing two training opportunities during the autumn term for teachers. **Listening and Reading Resilience** for GCSE MFL teachers explores what it is, how it can help learners and how to develop it in the MFL classroom and is full of practical advice.

The second live webinar is for A Level MFL and is designed for **classroom practitioners new to teaching film and literary works**. This is a practical guide, full of advice and suggested approaches for the *novice* in their first year of teaching Unit 2 (film) and Unit 5 (literary work) at AS/A level and has been written by an experienced practitioner in these units. Although there is a modest charge for this it can be attended by the individual or accessed by a whole department.

To book your place on the live webinar courses or learn more, visit the [Professional Learning](#) pages on the WJEC website.

6. Key Dates

The confirmed exam timetables for the Autumn series 2020 have been finalised and published on the WJEC [website](#).

7. 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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