

WJEC newsletter – January 2025

GCSE SCIENCE

TASK BASED ASSESSMENT UNIT (APPLIED SCIENCE QUALIFICATIONS ONLY)

All completed assessments should be despatched with the centre generated attendance registers, to WJEC CBAC, Unit A16 / A17, Gwaelod Y Garth Road, Treforest Industrial Estate, Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taf, CF37 5XF by FRIDAY, 17 JANUARY.

PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT UNIT (ALL GCSE SCIENCE QUALIFICATIONS)

The dates for the practical assessments are: Monday 6 January – Friday 21 February 2025. The setting up instructions can be opened from Monday 6 January.

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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TRAINING COURSES

Free online summer 2024 exam feedback CPD sessions have now all taken place earlier in the autumn. PowerPoints for GCSE Biology, Chemistry and Physics are now available in English and Welsh on the secure website in the CPD folder. A pre-recorded PowerPoint on GCSE Applied Science is also available.

MADE FOR WALES GCSES

A draft outline for the new GCSE The Sciences (Double Award) qualification is available [here](#).

A draft outline for the new GCSE Integrated Science (Single Award) qualification is available [here](#).

They are both for first teaching from September 2026.

A LEVEL BIOLOGY / CHEMISTRY / PHYSICS

UNIT 5 – PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

Just a reminder that candidates should be given a list of the main topic areas to be assessed in the Unit 5 – Practical Examination prior to the assessment.

This information will be provided in the “Instructions to teachers / exams officers” documents which are despatched to centres in January. The relevant page in the documents should be copied and given to candidates as soon as possible after receipt. The information will also be published on the WJEC GCE Science web pages.

The key dates for all the Unit 5 examinations can be found on the WJEC GCE Science web pages.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TRAINING COURSES

Free online summer 2024 exam feedback CPD sessions have now all taken place earlier in the autumn. PowerPoints for all the GCE Sciences and Level 3 Medical Science are now available in English and Welsh on the secure website in the CPD folder.

Online CPD events designed to give teachers a range of approaches that could be used to improve the teaching of some of the more difficult concepts in WJEC GCE Biology and Physics specifications will be held during February 2025. The 1.5hour sessions will focus on why learners find certain concepts difficult and highlight ways in which they can be made more accessible.

04/02/25 16:00-17:30 [WJEC GCE Biology: Masterclass](#)

18/02/25 16:00-17:30 [WJEC GCE Physics: Masterclass](#)

LEVEL 3 MEDICAL SCIENCE

Our revised qualification in Medical Science has been approved by Ofqual.

The specification and sample assessment materials are available on a new dedicated webpage which can be found at the following link: [L3 Medical Science](#).

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TRAINING COURSES

An online ‘new qualification briefing’ CPD session took place during December 2024. The PowerPoint from this event is now available in English and Welsh on the WJEC Portal in the CPD folder.

Free, full-day, face-to-face CPD courses designed for practitioners teaching the new **WJEC Medical Science specifications** will be held during January 2025. These ‘preparing to teach’ events are designed to give teachers an overview of the new specification, its content and assessment structure, and showcase resources and support available.

[14/01/25 Chester 09:30-15:30](#)

[21/01/25 Cardiff 09:30-15:30](#)

[22/01/25 Swindon 09:30-15:30](#)