

GCSE SCIENCE

NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2024

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, 19 JANUARY.

PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT UNIT (ALL GCSE SCIENCE QUALIFICATIONS)

The dates for the practical assessments are: Monday 8 January – Friday 9 February 2024. The setting up instructions can be opened from Monday 8 January.

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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TRAINING COURSES

Free online summer 2023 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.

Full-day, face-to-face CPD courses designed for practitioners teaching the **WJEC GCSE Science Suite specifications** will be held during February 2024. These sessions are designed to give teachers a range of approaches that could be used to enhance the teaching of some of the more difficult concepts in the WJEC GCSE Science Suite. Sessions will focus on why learners find certain concepts difficult and highlight ways in which they can be made more accessible.

08/02/24 Swansea 09:30-15:30 [WJEC GCSE Sciences: Teaching approaches in GCSE Science](#)

22/02/24 Llandudno 09:30-15:30 [WJEC GCSE Sciences: Teaching approaches in GCSE Science](#)

MADE FOR WALES GCSES

An outline for the new GCSE The Sciences (Double Award) qualification is available here. It is for first teaching from September 2025.

Approval criteria for the new GCSE Science (Single Award) qualification will be published in the spring. It is for first teaching from September 2026. Please note that the current GCSE Applied Science (Single Award) qualification will run for one additional year.