

WJEC GCSE Art & Design Newsletter

September 2024

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

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1. Key dates for summer 2024

The deadline for submission of internal marks to WJEC will be 31st May 2025 and the moderation window will be 2nd June – 4th July. Your allocated moderator will contact you in April to arrange the Centre visit.

2. Preliminary entries

You will need to make preliminary entries via [Portal](#) in October of the academic year of assessment so that we can dispatch the appropriate number of GCSE Assignment papers to your centre. If you are in any doubt about whether candidates will be entered for any specific subject/title, you are advised to include a small notional amount (e.g. 5) to ensure that appropriate materials are despatched to you.

If your students are to be assessed in summer 2025 you would need to prompt your Exams Officer to make the preliminary entries by 10th October 2024 which would trigger the despatch of papers to your centre in December 2024, ready for release to candidates from 2nd January 2025. Final entries should then be made by 21st February 2025.

3. Autumn Term Professional Learning opportunities

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 Moderator 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).

[WJEC GCSE Art & Design: Feedback on summer assessments \(English session\)](#)
[FREE – 4pm Tuesday 22nd October 2024](#)

[WJEC GCSE Art & Design: Feedback on summer assessments \(Welsh session\)](#)
[FREE – 3.30pm Wednesday 23rd October 2024](#)

New *Made for Wales* GCSE Art & Design

We are excited to launch the new specification for Art & Design. Here are some key dates for your diaries including information on upcoming Professional Learning opportunities.

Key dates

Approved Specifications Published: 30th September 2024

Publication of Sample Assessment Materials: 19th December 2024

Guidance for Teaching Published: 31st January 2025

PL Events and Materials

PL Type	Aims	Format and Notes
Your Guide to the new specification module Available from end of September 2024	<i>To support your understanding of the specification document.</i>	<i>This asynchronous module will be on the "training on demand" tab of your qualification page on the WJEC website. You will need to register to access a link to view.</i>
Parent / Options evening flyers Available from end of September 2024	<i>To support you to provide information to parents and learners before start of study.</i>	This PDF will be published on your qualification's home page.
Live Online Qualification Briefing & Q&A Available 2nd half autumn term 2024. Events are open for registration. Visit the <i>Training</i> tab on your new qualification's webpage to view dates and register. 3.30pm - Thursday 7th November 2024 (English session) 3.30pm - Tuesday 12th November 2024 (Welsh session)	<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. They will be hosted on Teams Live (Townhall).</i> <i>The events will be presented by WJEC Subject Advisors with Q&A support from WJEC Subject Officers. There will be English medium and Welsh medium events (except for English and Welsh qualifications).</i>
* Preparing to Teach (face-to-face) Available from 14/02/25 to 07/04/25 Registrations for the Pan Wales INSET days will be collected via your head teacher. No registrations through WJEC's website.	<i>To support teaching the new specification. 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 days take place on designated regional INSET days - there are 12 days in this series held across Wales, including 2 Welsh medium days and 1 bilingual day.</i> <i>These events will be led by WJEC Subject Advisors and our expert presenting teams.</i>
Exam and NEA Walk-throughs Available summer Term 2025 Access via the WJEC Portal secure website	<i>To support you and your learners to understand the structure of question papers/NEA briefs, question types, assessment objectives and marking methods.</i>	<i>These pre-recorded PPT will initially be published on the WJEC Portal secure website only.</i>

* Your designated regional WJEC face-to-face INSET date (Preparing to Teach) can be found here: [Made-for-Wales GCSEs \(wjec.co.uk\)](https://www.wjec.co.uk/made-for-wales-gcse)

4. Resources

A wide range of free digital resources is available which include:

[Exemplar Materials](#)

These are marked exemplars with written commentaries across the different titles.

[GCSE Art knowledge organisers](#)

A bank of sample knowledge organisers to support the learning of GCSE Art & Design.

[Assessment Videos](#)

Which take you through a variety of approaches and provide Senior Moderators' explanations of standards and assessment.

[NEA Walk throughs](#)

PowerPoints with extended explanations, definitions and illustrative examples of each Assessment Objective.

5. Principal Moderator's Report

The Principal Moderator's report for GCSE Art & Design providing feedback on the summer 2024 series will be available by 30th September on the [website subject page](#). You are advised to read it carefully as they provide helpful observations and commentary on candidates' work this series.

6. Moderator Reports

Your Moderator's Report can now be downloaded on [Portal](#). Please take the time to read this important document as it contains feedback on your centre's performance and advice for next year's submissions. Please ensure you download your report as soon as possible as they are removed from the secure website at the end of the year.

7. 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 2025. You can read more about becoming a moderator on the [Appointees page](#) of our website.

8. Join our Facebook Group

Our Facebook group is a place for teachers to share resources, advice and subject- related news to help fellow group members. We have over 1.7k members who actively engage with supporting each other and sharing amazing resources. If you are not already a member, log in to Facebook and request to join the group. [WJEC/Eduqas GCSE Art and Design Teacher Network](#).

9. Ivan Davies GCE Chair of Moderators

We sadly bid farewell to our Chair of Moderators, Ivan Davies, who has been a part of the GCSE and GCE Art and Design assessment teams for over 50 years. He has contributed in numerous ways to the development of the subject across the UK and provided support for teachers and learners throughout his tenure, authoring much of the material we use for delivering and assessing the qualifications. This ranges from the current GCE Art and Design specification, Teacher Handbook, AO Checklists, Knowledge Organisers, GCSE and GCE NEA Walk Through series and the unusually named Indicative Content for each title. We will miss him greatly and wish him all the best in his retirement, during which he plans to devote more time to his family, home and chapel.

10. 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.