



GCSE and GCE French, German and Spanish

Welcome back to the new Academic Year 2022/23!

The Modern Foreign Languages Team at WJEC welcomes everyone to the new academic year. Hopefully there has been the opportunity to recharge the batteries ready for the new term and we thank everyone in education for their hard work and support during the last academic year. Following a challenging couple of years for teachers, learners and others involved in education, summer 2022 saw the return of formal exams. This will have been quite daunting for learners with many not sitting a formal examination before.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to all those teachers involved in conducting the new teacher conducted speaking assessment at AS. Please see the Examiners' Reports for [French](#), [German](#) and [Spanish](#) for feedback and advice.

We at WJEC CBAC would like to remind everyone that we are here to provide support to teachers and learners in Wales.

Please take a few moments to browse the newsletter for useful information and reminders.

Changes to members of the MFL Team

We were delighted to welcome Jo Vincent earlier in the summer as a new member of the MFL team. Jo has taken over the post as Subject Officer for French following the retirement of our colleague Amanda Roberts, after many years' service. We are also delighted to welcome back Naomi Taylor as Subject Officer for German following maternity leave. We sadly said goodbye to Hilary Potter who ably looked after German while Naomi was away.

Key Dates

The Assessment Window for conducting GCSE and GCE Speaking Examinations will run from Monday 3rd April until Friday 12th May 2023.

Resources for Teaching and Learning

There are a range of digital resources available on the **Resources** tabs on the WJEC website subject pages for GCSE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#) and GCE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#).

[Exam Walk Throughs](#) (EWTs) are a free resource for both GCSE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#) and GCE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#). These comprise visual and audio PowerPoint guides to the exams, put together by our experts and designed with the learner in mind for independent use or as part of remote or blended learning.

[Teaching and Learning Guides](#) are free resources that are 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 flexible comprehensive support for teachers.

[Exemplar candidate work](#) is available on the subject pages of the website in the

'Exemplar' tab along with the marks and examiner feedback, leading you through a review of the exam questions. They include guidance on how examiner marks and comments can be removed so that the materials can also be used as a teaching resource.

Analysing candidates' results

WJEC offers two services to help you understand your students' results and develop their exam skills: Exam Results Analysis and Online Exam Review.

Exam Results Analysis on the [secure website](#) allows you to compare your students' performance on each question with that of the candidature overall, letting you see where they have done well and where there might be room for improvement. To do this, under the 'Results' tab, click on 'View/Print Item Level Data' or 'View/Print Centre Performance' for comparable data.

As always, [Online Exam Review](#) provides 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 including candidate responses from the 2022 series.

These must be opened using Adobe Reader and should be downloaded from the website before opening.

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 'Past Papers and Marking Schemes'. This will bring up an options box, please choose the following:

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

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

CPD Autumn programme 2022

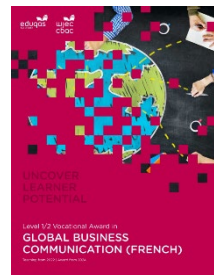
We are delighted to announce the return of face-to-face CPD this Autumn. There is also a **free** training follow up live online Webinar planned for the Autumn to further support AS/A2 teachers delivering the centre conducted Speaking assessments. This aims to assist teachers in Wales to further prepare for centre conducted A2 Unit 3 from the 2023 series.

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

Vocational Language Qualifications

Global Business Communication

The *new* revised qualification in Global Business Communication has been launched for first teaching in September 2022. Please see our website for full details including specification and Sample assessment materials. [Global Business Communication Webpage](#)



GBC - Professional Learning

We are holding a free online event 'Ask the Subject Team – GBC' on 21st September from 4pm till 5pm. This is an opportunity for teachers who are starting to teach the new specification to ask questions about the course. This is a **free event** for all centres new to Global Business Communication.

Language Pathways

These qualifications offer learners the opportunity to get formal recognition for their language learning. Students produce evidence to demonstrate their language competence from a choice of three different themes which is internally assessed and externally moderated. Available in a range of levels (Entry Level, Level 1, and Level 2) and languages:

French	Mandarin
German	Japanese
Spanish	Cornish
Italian	

For more information please see our webpage [Language Pathways](#) or contact Claire Bellamy languages@wjec.co.uk

Language Pathways Training and Support

We are running a training and support webinar on Tuesday 11th October from 4pm looking at task design, assessing and exemplar materials.

To book your place please go to the Language Pathways webpage. [Language Pathways Professional Learning - Booking](#)

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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