

MFL Spring 2022 Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had time to enjoy the festivities and recharge the batteries ready for the new term.

Please see the [website](#) for the most up to date information regarding adaptations to French, German and Spanish qualifications for 2022.

As always, if you have any queries on anything to do with WJEC GCSE, AS, A level or GBC French, German or Spanish please get in touch.

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1) A Reminder – reduced number of speaking cards at GCSE and GCE:

We thought it helpful to remind colleagues of the change to the number of Speaking cards at GCSE and GCE, applicable from summer 2021. The information was originally included in Circular no.58 sent out to centres in January 2020 and summarised below:

*In response to feedback from teachers and following approval from the regulator, as from summer **2021** and for each subsequent examination series WJEC has reduced the number of GCSE and GCE MFL oral cards as follows:*

GCSE MFL Qualifications

*From **nine** to **six***

GCE MFL Qualifications

*From **fourteen** to **nine**.*

(However, see important note below regarding ADAPTATIONS FOR SUMMER 2022)

The cards still provide coverage of all sub-themes of the subject content in the speaking assessments as a whole and the reduction in the number of cards does not affect the requirement for centres to teach all aspects of the specification. There is no change to the structure or layout of these oral cards.

Amended copies of GCSE and GCE French, German and Spanish specifications are available on the WJEC website, which include details of the change

IMPORTANT – Adaptations for Summer 2022;

GCE adaptations for summer 2022 mean the requirement to assess the Argument (Set A) card (*Understanding the French/German/Spanish-speaking world*) has been **removed** (six cards). Therefore, there will only be the **three** Set B cards (*Being a young person in*

French/German/Spanish-speaking society) available for assessment. This applies to summer 2022 **only**.

2) Guidance for teacher examiners conducting WJEC GCSE Unit 1 Speaking Modern Foreign Languages Non-exam assessments (NEA) (Summer 2022 only)

This is a guide put together for teachers for the summer 2022 GCSE MFL Unit 1 speaking assessments. It contains useful information plus an example in French, German and Spanish of what the adapted cards will look like.

[Guidance for teacher examiners conducting WJEC GCSE Unit 1](#)

3) New MFL Centre Form:

This is the new form covering authentication and GDPR for all MFL GCSE and GCE Speaking assessments that **must** be completed by centres.

The [MFL Centre Form](#) is available here to download for completion by the centre.

Please note that centres will be responsible for uploading the MFL Centre Form to Surpass even when there is a visiting examiner.

4) GCSE and GCE Adaptations booklets for summer 2022:

The [GCSE](#) and [GCE](#) Adaptations booklets for summer 2022 are available to view on the subject pages of the website (summer 2022 only) as well as the Advance Information for GCSE Units 2 and 3 [French](#), [German](#) and [Spanish](#) .

Please click on the links below to move to the relevant qualifications

[GCSE Updates](#)

[GCE Updates](#)

[Global Business Communications Updates](#)

GCSE Updates

Unit 1 Speaking

The oral window for 2022 will run from the 1st April to the 13th May.

Supporting Online Learning for Eduqas GCSE French, German and Spanish

In these extremely challenging times for teachers, students, centre staff and carers, we thought it may be worthwhile pulling together in one place all the resources that could be used to support remote teaching and learning for GCSE French, German and Spanish.

Please find below a library, with descriptions and hyperlinks, to our bespoke resources to support teaching and learning for Eduqas GCSE French, German and Spanish qualifications. Some of these resources are designed for an online platform whilst others could be downloaded and worked on offline:

TITLE OF DOCUMENT	DESCRIPTION	Where to find it
GCSE Teachers' Guide	Teaching and learning ideas, providing comprehensive advice, ideas and materials for teaching of the language levels and topics of study relevant to the qualifications.	MFL GCSE Guidance for Teaching
Teaching and Learning booklets	Component specific teaching and learning material, produced using ideas from previous years' CPD training written by the Principal Examiners and compiled into classroom-friendly resources for you to use to introduce the theme of a component, familiarise students with some of the assessments or reinforce skills practice.	French digital resources German digital resources Spanish digital resources
Exam Walk-Throughs	Offers practical hints and tips on how to effectively approach questions in the GCSE examination papers. Using questions from past exam papers, the PPT with audio help and audio script in the notes will walk students through a mock examination paper, helping students revise and practise useful exam techniques.	French EWT German EWT Spanish EWT
Knowledge Organisers	A collection of sample knowledge organisers to support the learning of GCSE French, German and Spanish. These could be used for revision or as a starting point for creating your own knowledge organisers.	GCSE French Knowledge Organisers GCSE German Knowledge Organisers

		GCSE Spanish Knowledge Organisers
Pre-recorded Webinars; <i>Mark like an examiner</i>	Aimed at further developing teacher understanding of the marking process and to help teachers hone their own marking skills. How to mark like an examiner focuses on Component 4 – Writing, with useful advice and tips for teachers.	Training; pre-recorded webinars
Online Exam Reviews	These free digital resources support the teaching and learning of subjects offered by WJEC. Teachers will need to determine how they utilise the resources in the classroom to ensure their greatest effect.	Online Exam Reviews
Candidate Exemplar	Provided by the Principal Examiner to assist teachers in their understanding of the application of the mark scheme. The exemplar should not be treated as providing model answers but simply to demonstrate real candidate responses.	GCSE French GCSE German GCSE Spanish
Past Papers	All past papers for the current specifications and the legacy qualifications provide excellent stimulus material, texts and data that can be used with students.	WJEC Secure Website GCSE French GCSE German GCSE Spanish

GCE Updates

AS Unit 1/A level Unit 3 Speaking

From summer 2022 the Unit 1 Speaking will be teacher-conducted and marked externally by WJEC (as published in Version 3 of the WJEC GCE [French](#), [German](#) and [Spanish](#) Specifications available on the WJEC website). This change will also affect A2 Unit 3 from summer 2023.

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[Teacher Examiner Guidance WJEC AS Unit 1 2022](#)

[WJEC AS MFL Teacher Examiner Conduct of Unit 1 Adapted for S22 \(PowerPoint\)](#)

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AS Unit 1

The [Guidance on effective Speaking Responses and Conducting the AS Unit 1 oral exam](#) designed for practitioners teaching WJEC AS Modern Foreign Languages is a recording of the 90 minute session delivered online. This is designed to give teachers a high-level introduction to preparing candidates for and conducting the AS Unit 1 Speaking exam is available on the WJEC website. The session focused on Teaching and Learning tips for speaking, conducting an effective speaking exam and questions and answers.

Supporting Online Learning for WJEC GCE French/German/Spanish

Please find below a library with descriptions and hyperlinks, to our bespoke resources to support teaching and learning for WJEC GCE French, German and Spanish qualifications. Some of these resources are designed for an online platform whilst others could be downloaded and worked on offline:

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AS/A Teachers' Guide	Teaching and learning ideas, providing comprehensive advice, ideas and materials for teaching of the language levels and topics of study relevant to the qualifications. The appendix includes information that teachers and students will find helpful.	MFL Guidance for Teaching
Teaching and Learning booklets	Unit specific teaching and learning material, produced using ideas from previous years' CPD training written by the Principal Examiners and compiled into classroom-friendly resources for you to use to introduce the	French subject page German subject page Spanish subject page

	theme of a component, familiarise students with some of the assessments or reinforce skills practice.	
Exam Walk-Throughs (EWTs)	Offer practical hints and tips on how to effectively approach questions in the AS and A level examination papers. Designed to help students learning independently, EWTs use questions from a past exam paper, a PPT with audio help and audio script in the notes to walk students through a mock examination paper, helping students to revise and practise useful exam techniques.	French EWT German EWT Spanish EWT
Knowledge Organisers	A collection of sample knowledge organisers to support the learning of AS and A level French, German and Spanish. These could be used for revision or as a starting point for creating your own knowledge organisers.	WJEC Digital Resources site
Language Tools	A bank of tools that allow teachers to use their own piece of text to generate a range of language-based activities.	French Language Tools German Language Tools Spanish Language Tools
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Global Business Communications Updates

Global Business Communication Level 1 / Level 2

Free “Preparing to Teach” CPD event for the updated specification

The Level 1 / Level 2 vocational award in **Global Business Communication (French, German and Spanish)** is being redeveloped and updated! This qualification uses a work-based context for developing a student’s language competence, with practical and relevant content, learners develop skills to support them in the global workplace.

Please have a look at the specification and Sample Assessment Materials on our [website](#).

This new GBC course will be available to teach from September 2022 so if you are planning to teach this qualification or would like to find out more information about setting up and delivering the course then please join us for this online live training event where you can ask questions and get involved.

To book a place please click on links below:

Tuesday 8th February 2021 from 4pm-6pm [Booking Form](#)

or

Thursday 10th March from 3:30pm-5:30pm (Welsh medium) [Booking Form](#)

Global Business Communication Flyer

Please see the link below for a student flyer which can be used at options events in school to explain the course content for the revised GBC course.

[GBC Options Event Flyer](#)