

GCE Government & Politics bulletin, September 2018

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Welcome back. We hope you have had a good summer and are returning refreshed – and a special welcome to centres joining us this September for the first time. I hope you find this newsletter useful in planning for the year ahead. As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch!

All the best
Rachel

SUMMER 2018 EXAMINATIONS

The papers and mark schemes are now available to view on our [secure website](#). If you don't have access, please contact your exams officer.

Remember that 20th September is the last date for receipt of enquiries about results and 27th September is the deadline for the request of electronic copies of scripts for teaching and learning purposes. Please see our [website](#) for more details.

ANALYSING CANDIDATES' RESULTS

WJEC Eduqas 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.

Online Exam Review provides a number of marked exemplars of candidate responses to key questions in an interactive format. These allow students to mark others' work and discuss ways in which it may be improved, thus developing their own skills. Exemplars from the summer examinations will be uploaded to the OER site this term.

PRINCIPAL EXAMINERS' REPORTS

The principal examiners' report for GCE Government and Politics provides feedback on the Summer 2018 series and is now available on the [website subject page](#). You are advised to read them carefully as they provide helpful observations and commentary on candidates' work this series.

NEW RESOURCES

We are starting to build a range of free digital resources that will be available on the [WJEC resources website](#). Just before the summer break we uploaded a very substantial resource for the new Unit 4:

[Government and politics of the USA](#)

We have also just uploaded a new resource for Unit 3:

[Political concepts and theories](#)

We are also working closely with Aberystwyth University who are producing booklets for Unit 2 and 3. We will let you know as soon as they are ready to be added to our website.

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. If you are not a member already [Join here](#).

CPD AUTUMN 2018

WJEC is providing support for AS and A level Government & Politics this autumn with **Assessment to Classroom Practice** events.

We are offering the following courses:

09-11-2018 CARDIFF
16-11-2018 LLANDUDNO

To book your place or learn more, visit the [training pages](#) on the WJEC website.

DAY SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS

WJEC is working with the history and politics departments at Swansea University to hold a day school for teachers of GCE Government & Politics on Tuesday December 18th. The day will give colleagues an opportunity to discuss GCE history and politics and to also take part in lectures and workshops of topics associated with both specifications. The draft programme is as follows:

10.00 – 10.30 Introduction by WJEC

10.30 -11.00 Making the transition to university

This session explores the challenges students face in making the transition to study at university. It provides teachers with a guide to what universities expect of new students and how they help those students succeed.

11.00– 11.30 Workshop A – choice of

The causes of revolution in France in 1789
The causes of the American Civil War
Political Ideologies

11.30-12.00 Break

12.00-12.30 Workshop B - choice of

The causes of the English Civil War unit 2
The changing fortunes of political parties 1900-1939
Y Rhyfel Byd Cyntaf yng Nghymru
Donald Trump and American politics

12.30 -1.00 Workshop C – choice of

Health reforms in 19th century England and Wales
American civil rights – and their consequences
The rise of Fascism in interwar Europe

1.00-2.00 Lunch

2.00-2.30 Workshop D – choice of

The holocaust
Protest in mid-19th century England and Wales
Gun control in America

2.30-3.00 Workshop E – choice of

The reasons for the spread of the Reformation by 1531
The impact of the First World War on Wales
Devolution in Wales and the UK

3.00-3.15 WJEC round up

Eventbrite booking details to follow.

The next issue will be sent out after Christmas. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please get in touch.

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