

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2023

WJEC GCSE SCIENCES

PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT UNIT (ALL GCSE SCIENCE QUALIFICATIONS)

The dates for the practical assessments are: Monday 8 January – Friday 9 February 2024.

TASK BASED ASSESSMENT UNIT

(APPLIED SCIENCE QUALIFICATIONS ONLY)

The dates for the task based assessments are: Monday 6 November – Friday 22 December 2023.

For both the Practical Assessment Unit and the Task Based Assessment Unit please ensure that provisional entries are submitted promptly. This information will be used to despatch examination papers to centres so it is vital it is as accurate as possible. In addition, if modified examination papers are required requests must be received as soon as possible. The “Instructions for Teachers / Exams Officers” documents will be despatched to centres by the end of September.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TRAINING COURSES

Free online assessment feedback sessions based on the summer 2023 series are being held in October and November and booking is now available.

[Biology](#) / [Chemistry](#) / [Physics](#)

A pre-recorded session for Applied Science will be released on 7 November.

Each subject expert-led session will:

- provide an in-depth look at key points from our Principal Examiner reports.
- explore examples of marked assessments.
- highlight areas for improvement.
- allow you to ask questions directly to our subject experts.

These valuable insights will allow you to better prepare future learners for success.

Fee paying face-to-face training events are being held in February and booking will be released during the autumn term. The session is designed to give teachers a range of approaches that could be used to improve the teaching of some of the more difficult concepts in the Science Suite.

PRINCIPAL EXAMINER REPORTS

Principal examiner reports are available in a new format this year, they contain useful links and a summary of the qualification.

Reports are now available for [Biology](#) / [Chemistry](#) / [Physics](#) / [Science \(double award\)](#) / [Applied science \(double award\)](#) / [Applied science \(single award\)](#).

FREE ACCESS TO SCRIPTS

WJEC teachers also benefit from access to free marked exam scripts from the Summer 2023 assessment series.

Your learners' scripts will be available to download from our [Secure Website](#) from results day onwards.