

WJEC GCSE Art & Design Newsletter

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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 2024 and the moderation window will be 3rd June – 5th July. Your allocated moderator will contact you by April to arrange a mutually convenient visit date.

2. Preliminary entries

You will need to make preliminary entries via the [secure website](#) 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 2024 you would need to prompt your Exams Officer to make the preliminary entries by 13th October 2023 which would trigger the despatch of papers to your centre in December 2023, ready for release to candidates from 2nd January 2024. Final entries should then be made by 21st February 2024.

3. Professional Learning 2023/24 (CPD)

WJEC is providing support for GCSE Art & Design this autumn with both face-to-face CPD events and free online feedback sessions. The face-to-face courses will include a review of the recent summer assessment series and present standardisation materials, using examples of marked candidates' work from across the range of abilities and titles available.

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

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 2023 series is now available 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 the [secure website](#). 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 2024. 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 1.5k 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. 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.