

Autumn Newsletter 2024

GCSE and GCE French, German and Spanish

Welcome back! We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer, returning to school with batteries recharged for the new term ahead. The WJEC MFL team would like to thank you for your continued hard work and support; we look forward to working together again to educate and inspire MFL learners in Wales in this new academic year.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to all those teachers involved in conducting the new teacher conducted speaking assessment at A level. 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.

NEA Key Dates

The Assessment Window for conducting GCSE and GCE Speaking Examinations will run from Tuesday 1st April until Tuesday 6th May 2025. The [exam timetables](#) for the 2025 summer series are also now available on the WJEC website.

Analysing candidates' results

Exam Results Analysis

You can access the Exam Results Analysis to help you understand your students' results and develop their exam skills. Exam Results Analysis on the WJEC [Portal](#) 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.

Free Access to Candidate Scripts

Schools and colleges who deliver our qualifications are able to access candidates' marked scripts from Results Day via our [Portal](#). These are available for all external assessments for Summer 2024, including all GCSEs, AS, A level and Vocational Qualifications. Each script will include the marks and any comments made by our trained examiners to help you review the performance of your learners. These can also be useful classroom aids, to show current learners strengths and common pitfalls that they should consider in future assessments.

Made-for-Wales GCSEs in French, German and Spanish – teaching from 2025

The new GCSE specifications in French, German and Spanish will be available to teach from September 2025. For up-to-date information, please visit the new qualification pages: [French](#), [German](#), [Spanish](#).

The key dates to note are;

30th September 2024: Approved Specifications Published

19th December 2024: Publication of Sample Assessment Materials

31st January 2025: Guidance for Teaching Published

Professional Learning courses designed to support teachers in the delivery of the new specifications will be made available in the Autumn term. Please see the [Professional Learning programme](#) section below for more information.

Professional Learning programme 2024/25

Our expert-led professional learning programme provides educators with the support needed to enhance their teaching and successfully deliver our qualifications.

Assessment Feedback Package

Our new Assessment Feedback Package for 2024-25 is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how assessments are marked or moderated. This integrated suite of resources and training brings together free access to Principal Examiner reports, marked scripts, and online assessment feedback sessions, as well as a range of optional paid face-to-face Professional Learning events. Learn more about how you and your learners can benefit from our Assessment Feedback Package here: [Assessment Feedback Package 2024-25](#)

You can download the most recent Principal Examiner Report and register for FREE, online feedback events on your qualification page.

New Made-for-Wales GCSEs

In support of our new Made-for-Wales GCSEs and related qualifications, we have released a schedule of free professional learning opportunities. These courses will be delivered by our MFL Subject Adviser over this academic year, to prepare MFL educators for the teaching of the new specifications from September 2025.

The first of these courses, a Specification Walk-Through briefing, will take place in November. It is available to book in both English and Welsh language. More details, including course dates, can be found on the new specification pages: [French](#), [German](#), [Spanish](#). We have provided a summary of key information in the table below.

Live online qualification briefings and Q&A sessions will also be available in the Autumn term, followed by face-to-face 'Preparing to Teach' courses in the new year. Please ensure you have subscribed to receive subject updates, and check our MFL webpages regularly, to ensure that you make the most of these valuable opportunities. More details can be found on the [Made-for-Wales Professional Learning](#) page.

Professional Learning Type	Aims	Format and Notes
<p>Your Guide to the new specification module</p> <p>Available from end of September 2024</p>	<p><i>To support your understanding of the specification document.</i></p>	<p><i>This asynchronous module will be on the "training on demand" tab of your qualification page on the WJEC website. You will need to register to access a link to view.</i></p>
<p>Parent / Options evening flyers</p> <p>Available from end of September 2024</p>	<p><i>To support you to provide information to parents and learners before start of study.</i></p>	<p>This PDF will be published on your qualification's home page.</p>
<p>Live Online Qualification Briefing & Q&A</p> <p>Available 2nd half autumn term 2024.</p> <p>Events are open for registration.</p> <p>Visit the <i>Training</i> tab on your new qualification's webpage to view dates and register.</p> <p>12 November 2024- Spec briefing (English)</p> <p>19 November 2024- Spec briefing (Welsh)</p>	<p><i>To support your understanding of the new qualification, its content and assessment structure. The live event will also refer to resources and upcoming PL and offer an opportunity to put questions to our Subject Teams and specification experts.</i></p>	<p><i>These live online events will be advertised on the WJEC website, and you will be required to register via a link. They will be hosted on Teams Live (Townhall).</i></p> <p><i>The events will be presented by WJEC Subject Advisors with Q&A support from WJEC Subject Officers. There will be English medium and Welsh medium events (except for English and Welsh qualifications).</i></p>
<p>* Preparing to Teach (face-to-face)</p> <p>Available from 14 February 2025 to 7 April 2025</p> <p>Registrations for the Pan Wales INSET days will be collected via your head teacher. No registrations through WJEC's website.</p>	<p><i>To support teaching the new specification. There will be a focus on understanding the assessments, assessment objectives, content and teaching approaches based on the specification, sample assessment materials and guidance for teaching.</i></p>	<p><i>These days take place on designated regional INSET days – there are 12 days in this series held across Wales, including 2 Welsh medium days and 1 bilingual day.</i></p> <p><i>These events will be led by WJEC Subject Advisors and our expert presenting teams.</i></p>
<p>Exam and NEA Walk-throughs</p> <p>Available summer Term 2025</p> <p>Access via the WJEC Portal secure website</p>	<p><i>To support you and your learners to understand the structure of question papers/NEA briefs, question types, assessment objectives and marking methods.</i></p>	<p><i>These pre-recorded PPT will initially be published on the WJEC Portal secure website only.</i></p>

Professional Learning for A Level

For A Level, materials from previous events remain available both on the subject webpages under 'Training > On-Demand Courses' and through the online Portal. Please check our pages and updates regularly for any upcoming professional learning opportunities.

Resources for Teaching and Learning

Resource Guides

Our newly updated Resource Guides are available on each of the subject pages for French, German and Spanish:



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Specification



Guidance for Teaching



Resource Guide



Exemplars



These guides take you through how to access key resources on the different WJEC websites and systems. They may be especially useful if you are a trainee or ECT, or new to teaching with the WJEC.

Digital Resources Website

The [Digital Resources Website](#) brings together a wide variety of useful teaching and learning resources. Click on the **Resources** link available on each of the WJEC website subject pages for GCSE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#) and GCE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#) to access the materials.

Exam Walk Throughs

Exam Walk Throughs (EWTs) are a free resource for both GCSE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#) and GCE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#). These comprise of 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

[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.

Candidate Exemplar

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.

Access to all past papers, mp3 files and mark schemes

Past papers, mp3 files and mark schemes for previous series, including 2024, can be accessed on [Portal](#). At the top of the screen, click on the 'Resources' drop-down menu and select 'Past Papers and Marking Schemes.' This will take you to a filter page. Please select the following:

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

Access to Portal is given by Exams Officers, as they are the primary account holders for centres. Papers and mark schemes are stored on the secure website for 12 months after the end of an exam series before being released onto the public website.

If you are having difficulty accessing Portal – for example, if you have forgotten your password – this Portal [FAQs page](#) will be helpful.

Vocational Language Qualifications

Global Business Communication

Please see our [website](#) for full details including the specification and Sample Assessment Materials.

GBC New Specification - Professional Learning

A pre-recorded feedback presentation for the 2024 summer series will be available in the *Training>On Demand Courses* area of the GBC [French](#), [German](#) and [Spanish](#) websites from November.



GBC French/German/Spanish new specification NEA units

The following new NEA units will be published and available for centres to download from [Portal](#) as follows:

GBC MFL NEA UNIT	Publishing Date
Unit 2	1 st March 2025
Unit 3	1 st March 2025

In 2025, centre assessed NEA moderation samples will be uploaded via IAMIS and not Surpass (GBC Units 1, 2 and 3). Centres will be able to input marks and upload samples on the same system and will not need to wait for key codes. More information will be provided via a circular in September.

Language Pathways

The [Language Pathways](#) 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) in the following languages:

French	Mandarin
German	Japanese
Spanish	Cornish
Italian	

Candidates can be entered at two points to claim their units of competence. Entries for the winter series close on the 21st October and on the 21st February for the summer series. Please see the [key dates](#) document for more detail.

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

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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