

# WJEC GCE English Literature Resources Guide

This booklet provides an overview of the support, guidance and resources available to those teaching the WJEC GCE English Literature specification across our suite of websites.

## Subject webpage

The WJEC GCE English Literature [subject webpage](#) on the WJEC website is the starting place for anyone teaching the specification and contains a range of official documentation relating to the qualification including the specification, sample assessment materials and past papers.

## Secure website

The [secure website](#) gives teachers access to past papers and marking schemes ahead of their publication on the public website as well as access to other resources such as the NEA standardising videos.

*For teachers to access the secure website, they will need a username and password, which can be set up by their Examinations Officer.*

## Online Exam Review

The [Online Exam Review website](#) hosts marked examination exemplar in an interactive digital format.

## Educational Resources

The [Educational Resources website](#) hosts free digital resources created by our dedicated team of subject experts and web developers to support the teaching and learning of WJEC qualifications.

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## 1. Key Documents

A list of Key Documents is available on the [subject webpage](#) of the WJEC website and is available by selecting [Key Documents](#).

Key Documents

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The documents are arranged in categories, and the documents in each category can be viewed by clicking the downward arrow alongside the category name.

Exemplars



Specification



AS/A Level English Literature Specification

Sample Assessment Materials



Below are direct links to some of the documents that you will need to get started teaching the qualification.

GCE AS/A LEVEL



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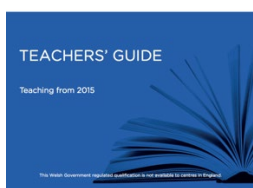
[GCE English Literature  
Specification](#)

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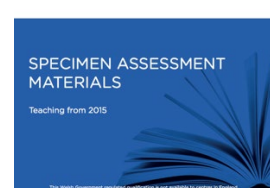
[GCE English Literature  
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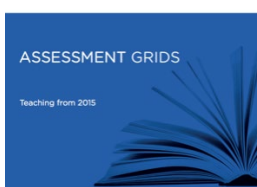


[GCE English Literature Sample  
Assessment Materials](#)

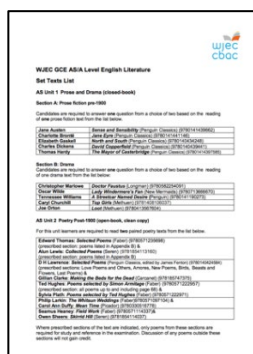
GCE AS/A LEVEL



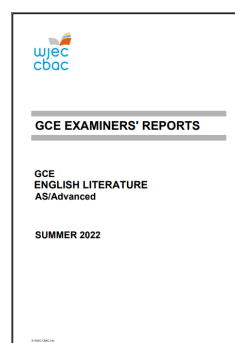
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[GCE English Literature  
Assessment Grids](#)

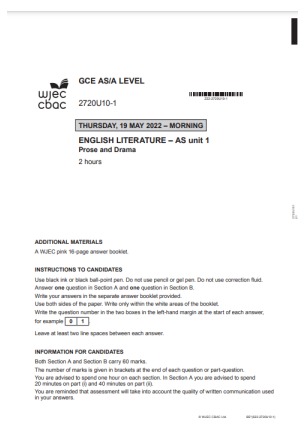


[GCE English Literature  
Set Texts List](#)



[Principal Examiners' Report  
\(2022\)](#)

## 2. Past Papers



Question papers from past examination series are available for:

### AS

Unit 1 – Prose and Drama (closed-book).

Unit 2 – Poetry Post-1900 (open-book, clean copy).

### A2

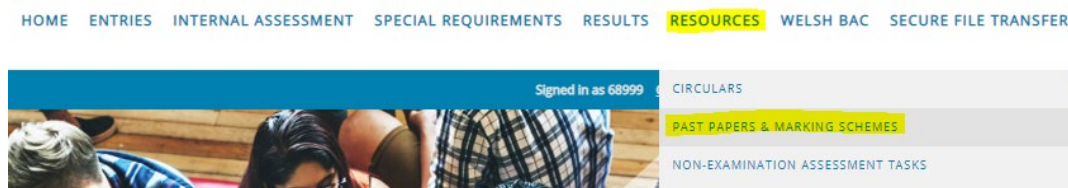
Unit 3 – Poetry Pre-1900 and Unseen Poetry (open-book, clean copy).

Unit 4 – Shakespeare (closed book).

### Past papers on secure website (shortly after end of exam series)

Past papers are published initially on the [secure website](#) shortly after the end of the examination series.

To locate the past papers, select 'Past Papers & Marking Schemes' from the 'Resources' menu at the top of the screen:



Then use the dropdown menus to choose the papers that you are looking for:

**Options**

Subject: English Literature Level: GCE Type of document: Past Papers Publication Year: All Language: English Brand: WJEC

Enter free text search

### Past papers on public website (from six months after Results day)

Past papers are published on the public website approximately six months after results for a series have been issued:

| Series      | Past Papers on public website |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| June series | 1 March                       |

They can be accessed on the [subject webpage](#) under the [Past Papers/ Mark Schemes](#) tab.

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2019 ^

- 📄 Past Paper - Summer - English Literature Unit 3:  
Written:Poetry Pre-1900 and Unseen Poetry
- 📄 Modified Paper - Summer - English Literature Unit 3:  
Written:Poetry Pre-1900 and Unseen Poetry [ Paper  
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In addition to the Past Papers, we also have extra annotated responses based on the SAMs available for Unit 3.

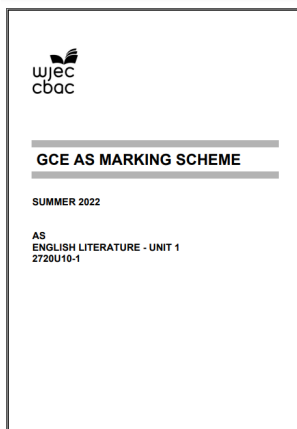
These can be accessed on the subject webpage by selecting [Key Documents > Exemplars](#).

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Exemplars ^

- 📄 AS English Literature Exemplar Material
- 📄 A Level English Literature Unit 3 Exemplar Material
- 📄 2022 Annotated Exemplar
- 📄 2019 Annotated Exemplar

### 3. Marking Schemes

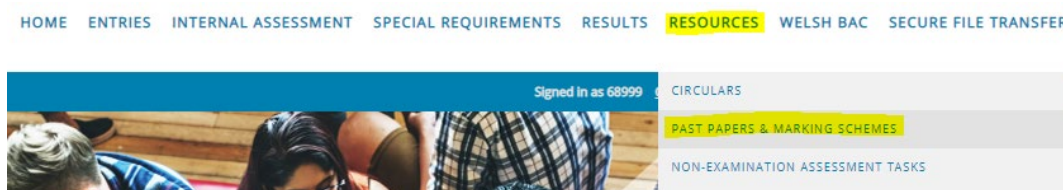


**Marking schemes** are available to accompany question papers from past examination series, providing instructions on how to apply the marking criteria, examples of indicative content, and assessment grids articulating the banded descriptors for different levels of responses.

#### Marking schemes on secure website (from Results day)

Marking schemes are published initially on the [secure website](#) on Results day for the examination series.

To locate the marking schemes, select 'Past Papers & Marking Schemes' from the 'Resources' menu at the top of the screen:



Then use the dropdown menus to choose the marking schemes that you are looking for:

**Options**

|                               |              |                                     |                         |                     |               |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Subject<br>English Literature | Level<br>GCE | Type of document<br>Marking Schemes | Publication Year<br>All | Language<br>English | Brand<br>WJEC |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|

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| Series      | Marking schemes on public website |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| June series | 1 March                           |

They can be accessed on the [subject webpage](#) under the [Past Papers](#) tab.

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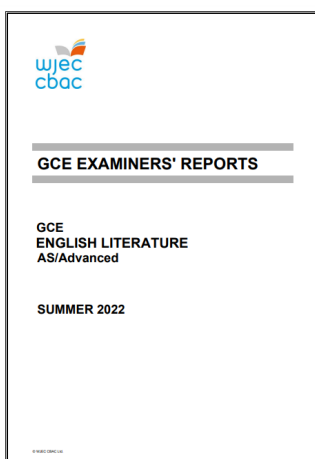
2019

-  Mark Scheme - Summer - English Literature Unit 3:  
Written: Poetry Pre-1900 and Unseen Poetry
-  Mark Scheme - Summer - English Literature Unit 4:  
Written: Shakespeare

## 4. Examiners' Reports

The Principal Examiners' reports (often referred to as Examiners' Reports) provide essential observations and commentary on candidates' performance across the examined series.

They are published on Results day for each series and are available on the [subject webpage](#) under [Key Documents > Examiners' Reports](#)



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Examiners' Reports

-  AS/A Level English Literature Examiners' Report  
Summer 2022
-  AS/A Level English Literature Examiners' Report  
Summer 2019
-  AS/A Level English Literature Examiners' Report  
Summer 2018
-  AS/A Level English Literature Examiners' Report  
Summer 2017
-  AS Level English Literature Report Summer 2016

## 5. Online Exam Review (Marked Exemplar)

Search Options Subjects Keywo

All Subjects > English Literature > GCE

Summer 2022

English Literature

GCE

- A Level Summer 2022 WJEC English Literature Unit 3
- A Level Summer 2022 WJEC English Literature Unit 4
- AS Level Summer 2022 WJEC English Literature Unit 1
- AS Level Summer 2022 WJEC English Literature Unit 2

- WJEC 2022 Online Exam Review
- AS level English Literature Unit 1
  - Item Level Data
    - Facility factor graph
  - Section A
    - Mark scheme
    - Example 1
      - Example 1 marked
    - Example 2
      - Example 2 marked
    - Example 3
      - Example 3 marked
  - Section B
    - Mark scheme
    - Example 1
      - Example 1

is it tried to hold her in overall, John  
led Jane Eyre a novel of liberation.

Sep 21 Reply X

AO1 - B5 (perceptive and confident) - 5  
AO2 - B5 (detailed and perceptive analysis and evaluation of language and writer's techniques) - 5  
AO3 - B5+ (confident and illuminating) - 15  
AO5 - B5+ (informed and illuminating) - 15

Add a reply...

A set of [Online Exam Review](#) material for each exam component is published providing a number of clean and marked exemplars of candidate responses to key questions from previous examinations. These allow students to review others' responses and discuss ways in which they may be improved, thus developing their own skills.

These materials are available on our [Online Exam Review](#) website and are made available shortly after results are issued for each series.

**If you are accessing the OER document in a web browser and are only able to see a single page, please download the document and re-open it in Adobe Reader in order to fully access the exemplar material.**

Clean copies of candidate responses and marked versions are also available to download from our [subject page](#) as a single pdf document together with instructions for printing with or without Principal Examiner comments.

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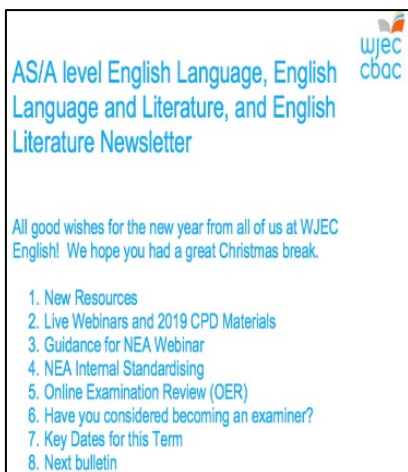
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Exemplars

- 2022 Annotated Exemplar
- 2019 Annotated Exemplar
- 2018 Annotated Exemplar
- 2017 Annotated Exemplar

## 6. Newsletters

Click the [Subscribe for updates](#) button on the right-hand side of the [subject webpage](#) to sign up for email updates about the qualification, including the termly subject-specific newsletters published each September, January and April.



AS/A level English Language, English Literature and Literature Newsletter

All good wishes for the new year from all of us at WJEC English! We hope you had a great Christmas break.

1. New Resources
2. Live Webinars and 2019 CPD Materials
3. Guidance for NEA Webinar
4. NEA Internal Standardising
5. Online Examination Review (OER)
6. Have you considered becoming an examiner?
7. Key Dates for this Term
8. Next bulletin

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Past newsletters are also available from the [subject webpage](#) under [Key Documents > Newsletters](#).



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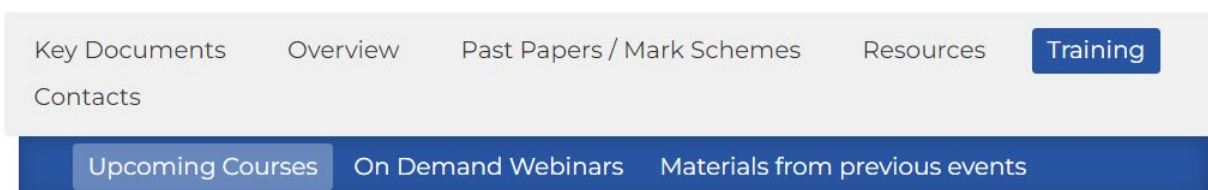
- April 2022
- September 2022
- January 2023

## 7. CPD/ Professional Learning Materials

### Annual CPD/ Professional Learning Programme

WJEC offers an annual programme of Professional Learning events, featuring face-to-face and/or online sessions designed for practitioners to get all the latest feedback on assessments, an insight into our teaching resources, and a range of practical tips and strategies for the classroom.

Details of forthcoming sessions are listed on the [subject webpage](#) under [Training > Courses](#).

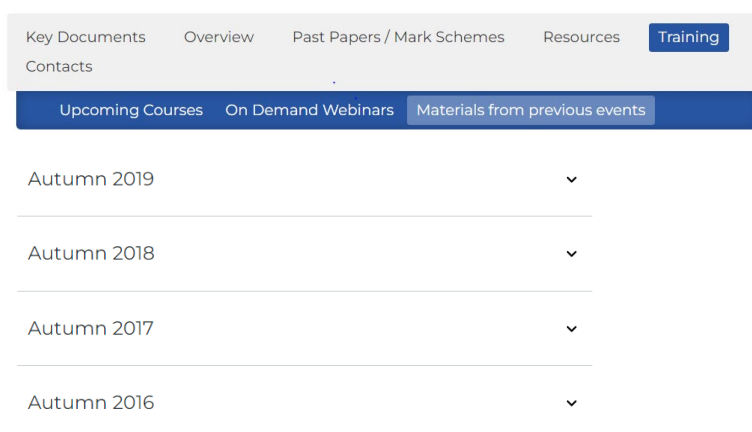


#### Upcoming Professional Learning Events

- WJEC GCE English Literature: preparing for the summer 2021 exam series  
Online - 15 October 2020 15:00 [> More info...](#)
- WJEC GCE English Literature: Teaching and Assessing Drama  
Online - 04 November 2020 16:00 [> More info...](#)
- WJEC GCE English Literature: teaching and assessing poetry  
Online - 10 February 2021 16:00 [> More info...](#)

### Materials from past CPD events

Materials from CPD training events held in previous years are available on the [subject webpage](#) and can be accessed by selecting [Training > Materials from previous events](#).

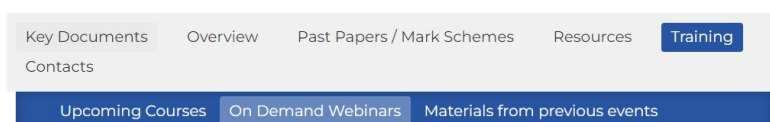


The focus of each year's provision is outlined below.

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>Autumn 2019</b> | <b>Assessment &gt; classroom practice</b> – teaching and assessing poetry                                       |
| <b>Autumn 2018</b> | <b>Assessment &gt; classroom practice</b> – reviewing the summer's assessment and preparing for the year ahead. |
| <b>Autumn 2017</b> | <b>Assessment &gt; classroom practice</b> – reviewing the summer's assessment and preparing for the year ahead. |
| <b>Autumn 2016</b> | <b>Assessment &gt; classroom practice</b> – reviewing the summer's assessment and preparing for the year ahead. |

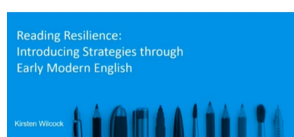
### Pre-recorded webinars

A number of pre-recorded webinars are available on the [subject webpage](#) under [Training > On Demand Webinars](#).



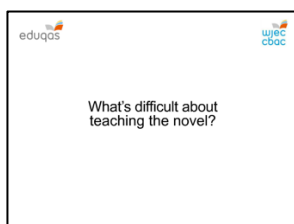
A selection of the available webinars for WJEC GCE English Literature is detailed below.

### TeachMeet – Reading Resilience: Introducing Strategies Through Early Modern English – Student Resource



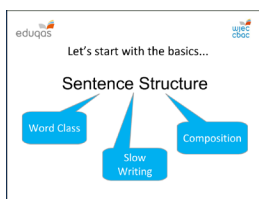
[Pre-recorded TeachMeet](#) session on teaching strategies to develop students' reading resilience in comprehending new or unfamiliar texts. The following video has been designed to support students and teachers at all Key Stages in delivering the English curriculum.

### Teaching the Novel and Unseen Prose



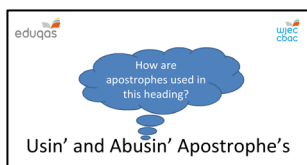
[Pre-recorded webinar](#) on teaching the novel in the English classroom. The video has been designed to support students and teachers at all Key Stages in delivering the English curriculum.

## Teaching Grammar



[Pre-recorded webinar](#) on teaching grammar in the English classroom. The video has been designed to support students and teachers at all Key Stages in delivering the English curriculum.

## Cognitive Acceleration



[Pre-recorded webinar](#) on using cognitive acceleration in the English Classroom. The video has been designed to support students and teachers at all Key Stages in delivering the English curriculum.

## 8. Educational Resources

A wide range of free digital resources has been developed to support the teaching and learning of WJEC GCE English Literature and a link to these can be found on the [Subject Webpage](#) under 'Digital Resources'.

Have you seen...

### Online Exam Review

OER is a free interactive teaching and learning tool which includes exam answers and examiner comments.

### Secure Website

Important information, past papers, marking schemes, entry/amendment uploads & make post-results enquiries.

### Digital Resources

We offer an extensive range of free digital educational resources.

### Grade Boundaries

Grade boundaries are the minimum number of marks needed to achieve each grade.

Alternatively, the resources can be accessed from our [Educational Resources](#) website and a selection of the resources are outlined below.

### Exam Walk Through – A Level English Literature



Aimed at learners, this [Exam Walk Through](#) resource offers practical hints and tips on how to effectively approach questions in the examination paper..

### A Level English Literature: Approaches to different Interpretations

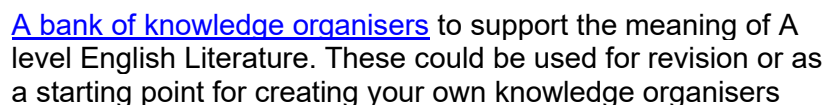


[Guidance for teachers and learners](#) on how to use different interpretations to enhance their understanding of literature.

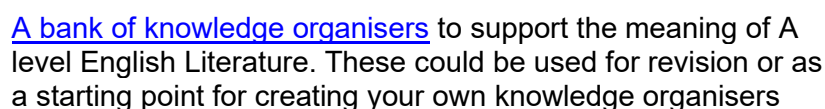
### A Level English Literature: Effective writing



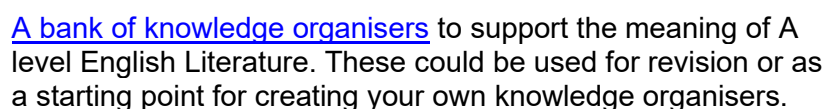
[This resource](#) will enable learners to write effectively in exam conditions, giving support on how to write concisely and precisely, a key issue for learners in examinations.



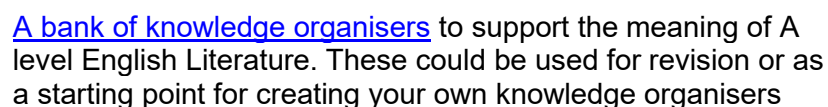
## A Level English Literature Unit 2 Literature Booklets – Knowledge organisers



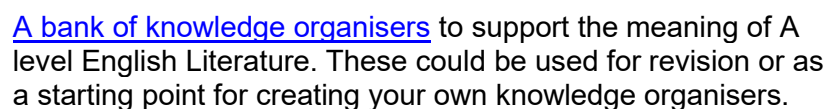
## A Level English Literature Unit 3 Section A – Knowledge organisers



## A Level English Literature - Unit 4: Shakespeare knowledge organisers



## A level English Literature - Unit 5: Prose study knowledge organisers



## Essay writing skills



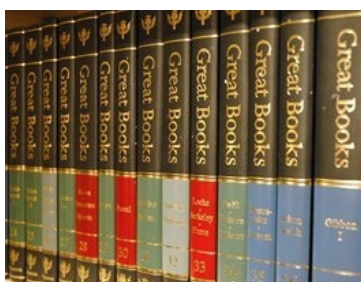
[An interactive resource](#) which covers the building blocks required for writing a literacy essay, from developing an academic style to structuring an argument.

## A Level English Literature: Close textual analysis



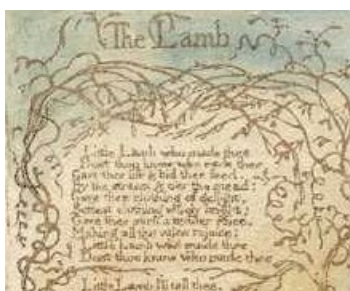
[Guidance for teachers and learners](#) on how to develop close textual analysis (AO2).

## A Level English Literature - Analysing Prose



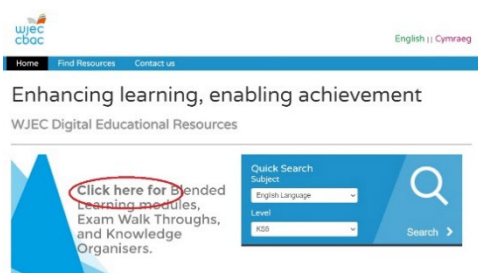
[The aim of this resource](#) is to develop the skills required in reading and analysing prose. It considers ways in which contextual detail and other readings can be integrated into close analysis of texts.

## A Level English Literature - Analysing Unseen Poetry



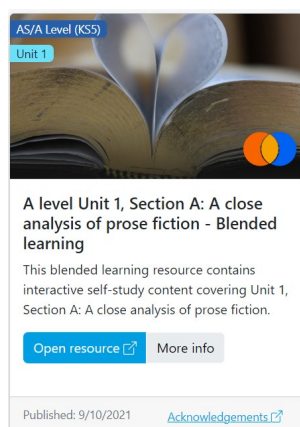
A [range of resources](#) to develop skills and to enable candidates to be confident when reading, studying and writing about poetry.

## Blended Learning Resources

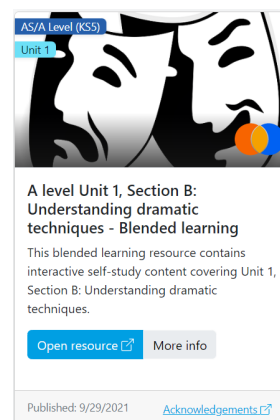


WJEC has recently developed a range of interactive [Blended Learning Resources](#) for student self-study to further support the teaching of this qualification. These can be accessed by clicking the image to the left.

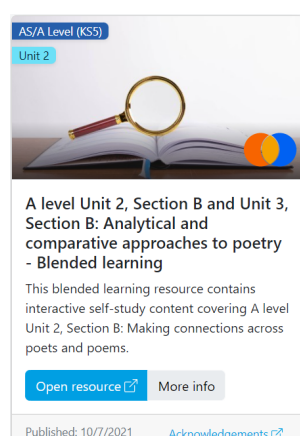
A number of interactive blended learning resources were developed for core subjects in 2021. Below are a few of the GCE English Literature blended learning resources currently available on our [website](#).



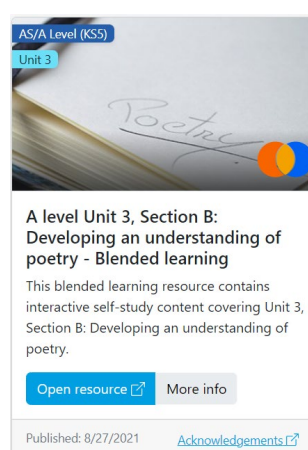
[A level Unit 1, Section A: A Close Analysis of Prose Fiction - Blended](#)




[A Level Unit 1, Section B: Understanding Dramatic Techniques - Blended](#)



[A level Unit 2, Section B and Unit 3, Section B: Analytical and comparative approaches to poetry - Blended](#)



[A level Unit 3, Section B: Developing an understanding of poetry - Blended](#)




**A level Unit 4: Shakespeare's language - Blended learning**

This blended learning resource contains interactive self-study content covering A level Unit 4: Shakespeare's language.

[Open resource](#) [More info](#)

Published: 9/10/2021 [Acknowledgements](#)

[A level Unit 4: Shakespeare's language - Blended](#)



**A level Unit 5: Comparing prose text - Blended learning**

This blended learning resource contains interactive self-study content covering Unit 5: Comparing prose text.

[Open resource](#) [More info](#)

Published: 10/7/2021 [Acknowledgements](#)

[A level Unit 5: Comparing prose text - Blended](#)

## 9. Grade Boundaries and Exam Results analysis

### Grade boundaries

Grade boundaries from past examination series are available on the [subject webpage](#).

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#### Grade Boundaries

Grade boundaries are the minimum number of marks needed to achieve each grade.

If you click on 'Grade Boundaries' this will take you to [administration > Results, Grade Boundaries and PRS..](#)

**Grade Boundaries** Post-Results Services Appeals Certificates Results

You can access unit grade boundaries and raw mark to UMS information in our Grade converter [here](#).

Grade boundary information is available for every unit. Make sure you select the correct information from the drop down.

Year Session Brand Subject Option  
2022 GCE June WJEC ENGLISH LITERATURE UNIT 1 (2720) UNIT 1

GCE June 2022 ENGLISH LITERATURE UNIT 1 (2720)

| Grade                   | A   | B   | C   | D   | E   | U   | <a href="#">What is a UMS?</a> |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------------|
| UMS Grade Boundary      | 080 | 070 | 060 | 050 | 040 | 000 |                                |
| Raw Mark Grade Boundary | 076 | 063 | 050 | 037 | 025 | 000 |                                |

### Exam Results Analysis

**RESULTS** RESOURCES WELSH BAC

- VIEW/PRINT CANDIDATE RESULTS (SLIPS)
- VIEW/PRINT SUMMARY OF SUBJECT RESULTS
- VIEW/PRINT CUMULATIVE RESULTS (SLIPS)
- VIEW/PRINT CASH-IN PROFILE
- VIEW/PRINT COMPONENT MARKS (LINEAR)
- VIEW/PRINT COMPONENT MARKS
- VIEW/PRINT GRADE BOUNDARIES
- VIEW/PRINT CENTRE PERFORMANCE**
- VIEW/PRINT ITEM LEVEL DATA

Exam Results Analysis can be used by teachers to:

- Evaluate their own performance against specification norms.
- Identify strengths and weaknesses for a candidate cohort and suggest areas of improvement.
- Assist individual candidates in improving their own performance.

It can be accessed 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. To do this, under the 'Results' tab, click on 'View/Print Item Level Data' or 'View/Print Centre Performance' for comparable data.

## 10. Key Dates

### GCE ENGLISH LITERATURE

| Important Dates for 2023 |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| 2 February               | <a href="#">WJEC AS-A Level English Literature: Assessment and Classroom Practice (Belfast)</a> |
| 21 February              | <b>Summer 2023 Series:</b> Last date for receipt of entries                                     |
| 18 March                 | <b>Summer 2023 Series:</b> Last date for entry amendments without late fees                     |
| 10 April                 | WJEC Internal Assessment Mark Input System (IAMIS) open for submission of NEA marks             |
| 15 May                   | <b>Summer 2023 Series:</b> Final deadline for submission of NEA sample to moderator             |
| 18 May AM                | <b>Summer 2023 Series:</b> English Literature AS Unit 1 Examination                             |
| 24 May PM                | <b>Summer 2023 Series:</b> English Literature A2 Unit 3 Examination                             |
| 26 May AM                | <b>Summer 2023 Series:</b> English Literature AS Unit 2 Examination                             |
| 16 June PM               | <b>Summer 2023 Series:</b> English Literature A2 Unit 4 Examination                             |
| 17 August                | AS/A Level Results Day  |

A list of key dates for WJEC GCE English Literature is available on the [subject webpage](#) under [Resources > Key Documents](#).

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#### Key Dates

 AS/A Level English Literature Important Dates 2023

Published at the start of each academic year, this document gives you all the important dates you need to plan for the year ahead.

## 11. Non-Examination Assessment

### NEA Standardising Exemplar

A level English Literature NEA Standardising Exemplar

Filename

-  [A level English Literature NEA Standardising Video Exemplar 1.mp4](#)
-  [A level English Literature NEA Standardising Video Exemplar 2.mp4](#)
-  [A level English Literature NEA Standardising Video Exemplar 3.mp4](#)
-  [A level English Literature NEA Standardising Exemplar 1 Band 2.pdf](#)
-  [A level English Literature NEA Standardising Exemplar 2 Band 4.pdf](#)
-  [A level English Literature NEA Standardising Exemplar 3 Band 5.pdf](#)

NEA standardising exemplars are available on our [secure website](#) to support teachers standardising the marking of the NEA assessment.

The exemplars can be located by selecting 'Subject-Specific Support Material including CPD and Exemplars' on the 'Resources' tab and then entering 'standardising exemplar' in the search box. Remember to select the WJEC brand in the 'Options' filters.

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[Online CPD](#) offers guidance for teachers assessing the WJEC GCE English Literature – Non-Exam Assessment Standardisation. The webinar covers a range of important things including:

- Supporting centres in the assessment of the non-examination assessment (NEA).
- Exemplify marking standards rather than suggest 'model approaches'.

## Non-Examination Assessment Guidance Documents

A number of documents to aid centres in administering the Non-Exam Assessment are available on the subject [subject webpage](#) under [Key Documents > Non-Exam Assessment](#)

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### Non-Exam Assessment

 WJEC GCE English Literature NEA Checklist

 WJEC A Level English Literature Unit 5 Non Exam Assessment Coversheet

These documents include:

- **Non-Exam Assessment Folder [Coversheet](#)** - should be completed for all candidates, not just for those candidates selected for the sample to be sent to the moderator.
- **Non-Exam Assessment Centre [Checklist](#)** – checklist to aid centres in preparing the NEA sample for submission.

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