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Dear Sir/Madam

### Current WJEC GCSE (legacy qualifications): Final assessment opportunities

New Made for Wales GCSEs are being introduced to reflect the ambition of the Curriculum for Wales. These qualifications are being introduced in two 'waves'. Qualifications in Wave 1 will be introduced for first teaching from September 2025, qualifications in Wave 2 will be introduced for first teaching from September 2026.

### Wave 1 qualifications

September 2024 will be the final time centres should begin delivery of a two-year course for the current WJEC GCSE (legacy qualifications). Summer 2026 will be the final full assessment opportunity for these qualifications listed below. There will be a final resit opportunity for the examinations available in January 2027 subject to demand. The resit opportunity will only be available to post-16 candidates who have previously cashed-in the qualification prior to January 2027. From September 2025, learners must not be entered into these legacy GCSEs in Year 10, in subjects where reformed GCSEs are available.

Qualification Number	Subject	Qualification Code
C00/0720/7	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in English Literature	3720QS
C00/0720/9	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Welsh Literature	3010CS
C00/0779/2	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Geography	3110QS
C00/0779/4	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Food and Nutrition	3560QS
C00/0780/4	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Art and Design	3650QS 3651QS 3652QS 3653QS 3654QS 3655QS 3656QS
C00/0780/5	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Music	3660QS
C00/0791/5	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Drama	3690QS
C00/0792/5	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in French	3800QS

Qualification Number	Subject	Qualification Code
C00/0796/7	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in German	3820QS
C00/0797/0	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Spanish	3810QS
C00/1152/0	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in History	3100QS
C00/1155/5	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Business	3510QS
C00/1157/9	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Computer Science	3500QS
C00/1166/2	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Welsh Second Language	3020QS
C00/1167/3	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Religious Studies	3120QS 3121QS
C00/1167/4	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Religious Studies (Short Course)	3125QT

### Additional resit opportunities for Wave 1 qualifications

The qualifications below will have a resit opportunity in November 2026 and June 2027. The resit opportunities will only be available to post-16 candidates who have previously cashed-in the qualification prior to November 2026. From September 2025, learners must not be entered into these legacy GCSEs in Year 10, in subjects where reformed GCSEs are available

Qualification Number	Subject	Qualification Code
C00/0720/4	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Mathematics	3300PF 3300PN 3300PH
C00/0720/6	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in English Language	3700QS
C00/0720/8	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Welsh Language	3000CS

The qualification below will have a resit opportunity in January 2027 and June 2027. The resit opportunities will only be available to post-16 candidates who have previously cashed-in the qualification prior to January 2027. From September 2025, learners must not be entered into these legacy GCSEs in Year 10, in subjects where reformed GCSEs are available.

Qualification Number	Subject	Qualification Code
C00/0720/5	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Mathematics - Numeracy	3310PF 3310PN 3310PH

## Wave 2 qualifications

September 2025 will be the final time centres should begin delivery of a two-year course for the current WJEC GCSE (legacy qualifications) listed below. Summer 2027 will be the final full assessment opportunity for these qualifications. There will be a final resit opportunity for the examinations available in January 2028 subject to demand. The resit opportunity will only be available to post-16 candidates who have previously cashed-in the qualification prior to January 2028. From September 2026, learners must not be entered into these legacy GCSEs in Year 10, in subjects where reformed GCSEs are available.

Qualification Number	Subject	Qualification Code
C00/0779/7	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Physical Education	3550QS
C00/1158/0	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Physical Education (Short Course)	3555QT
C00/1165/3	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Media Studies	3680QS
C00/1166/7	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Design and Technology	3601QS 3602QS 3603QS
C00/1237/9	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Health and Social Care, and Childcare (Double Award)	3570QD
C00/3685/2	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Health and Social Care, and Childcare (Single Award)	3570QS
C00/4040/5	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Digital Technology	3540QS
C00/0779/8	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Biology	3400QS
C00/0779/9	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Chemistry	3410QS
C00/0780/0	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Physics	3420QS
C00/0780/1	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Applied Science (Single Award)	3440QS
C00/0780/2	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Applied Science (Double Award)	3445QD
C00/0780/3	WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Science (Double Award)	3430QD

### **C00/3965/5 WJEC Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Built Environment (qualification code 3509QS)**

Qualifications Wales has confirmed that built environment will be developed as a VCSE for teaching from September 2027. You can read about their decision here: [New-style VCSE subjects confirmed | Qualifications Wales.](#)

September 2026 will be the final time centres should begin delivery of a two-year course for the current WJEC GCSE in Built Environment. There will be a final resit opportunity for the external examination available in January 2029 subject to demand. The resit opportunity will only be available to post-16 candidates who have previously cashed-in the qualification prior to January 2029.

## Other Level 2 qualifications

September 2025 will be the final time centres should begin delivery of a one-year course for the current WJEC GCSE (legacy qualification) listed below. Summer 2026 will be the final full assessment opportunity for this qualification. There will be a final resit opportunity available in January 2027 subject to demand. The resit opportunity will only be available to those who have previously cashed-in the qualification prior to January 2027. From September 2026, learners must not be entered into legacy GCSEs in Year 10, in subjects where reformed GCSEs are available.

Qualification Number	Subject	Qualification Code
C00/0236/7	WJEC Level 2 Certificate in Additional Mathematics	955001

For more information on resits, please visit the 'Guide to Resit Requirements' on the [WJEC website](#).

Yours faithfully,

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