GCSE English Literature in Wales

1. Introduction; welcome to the latest issue of the GCSE English Literature bulletin. This bulletin is for centres in Wales only.

If you know someone who would like to receive the bulletin regularly, please ask them to go to the English Literature home page and click on Subscribe for Updates. We also produce bulletins for GCSE English Language, Entry Level English, GCE English Language, English Literature and English Language and Literature. You may subscribe to these on the relevant pages of the WJEC website – and don't forget our Twitter feed.

2. Non-examination assessment; exemplar, tasks, checklists and resources

Exemplar

Marked and annotated exemplar from 2017's NEA series is now available on the secure website. There are a range of Shakespeare tasks and a range of poetry tasks. Please note; these materials are intended to support teachers in their marking and understanding of the expectations of the NEA tasks. You are encouraged to use them for departmental standardisation purposes. However, the materials must not be shared with candidates, under any circumstances.

To access the exemplar please log in to the secure website then at the top of the screen go to: Resources - Subject Specific Support Material Including CPD. Under the 'Section' heading navigate to English Literature GCSE NEA Exemplar Materials where you will find the annotated exemplar.
Tasks

The English Literature non-examination assessment tasks for candidates entering in 2019 are on the secure website as normal.

If you do not have access to the secure website, please contact the examinations officer at your centre. To locate the tasks, go to: Resources-Non-Examination Assessment Tasks.

Under the Section heading scroll down to GCSE English Language/English Literature and you will be able to access the tasks there. Centres are reminded that, where candidates are re-taking a controlled assessment unit, candidates must complete new work for all tasks within that unit, so that all work presented for assessment is new.

Checklists/dates/cover sheets

IAMIS opens for the submission of marks on 10th March; samples should be with the moderator by 24th March. PRUs and FE colleges have the later date of 5th May. NEA coversheets and a checklist for sample folders can be found here.

Resources

A set of resources to support the teaching and learning of the new tasks can be found here.

3. CPD Materials on the Secure Website

All of the CPD material from Autumn 2017's sessions is now available on the Secure Website. To access it please go to: Resources-Subject Specific Resource Material –CPD Materials-WJEC GCSE English Literature CPD Material Autumn 2017

4. Online Examination Review

Online Examination Review is available through WJEC's OER site where you will find a collection of interactive units that bring together a number of elements including general data, exam questions, their marking schemes and examiner comments, which will lead you through a review of exam questions. The site can be accessed here.

5. Principal Examiner and Principal Moderator Reports summer 2017 and January 2018

These are now available on the website. The Principal reports contain a wealth of information on the summer series. Centres will find them invaluable in planning their teaching and approaches to the specification for the next academic year. They can be accessed here.
6. Key Dates

Key dates for 2018 are available from the GCSE English Literature web page. They can be accessed here.

7. Examiner Vacancies

We have a small number of vacancies for this year's summer GCSE English Literature examinations. We require a minimum of two years' teaching experience and two references. Applications can be made online on the appointees home page. A circular has been sent out to all schools with a list of the texts that examiners will be marking in this series. You can access the circulars on the secure website. If you have any queries about examining this summer or would like to learn more about which texts you will be examining then please contact julia.harrison@wjec.co.uk