GCSE English Language and English Literature in Wales

Spring 2019

Welcome to our final newsletter of the academic year. We hope all has gone well so far, and that you and your students are feeling well-prepared for the summer’s examinations. This bulletin is for centres in Wales only.

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CPD Materials on the Secure Website

All of the CPD material from the beginning of the academic year is now available on the Secure Website. To access it please go to:

English Language - Resources-Subject Specific Resource Material –CPD Materials-WJEC GCSE English Language -CPD Material

English Literature - Resources-Subject Specific Resource Material –CPD Materials-WJEC GCSE English Literature-CPD Material

Online Examination Review

Online Examination Review is available through WJEC's OER site where you will find a set of sample responses to both units from Summer 2018 and English Language Autumn 2018 series. The site can be accessed here.

Principal Examiner and Principal Moderator Reports Autumn 2018 / January 2019

These are now available on the website. The Principal reports contain a wealth of information on the autumn / January 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:

WJEC GCSE English Language Autumn 2018
WJEC GCSE English Literature January 2019
Non-examination assessment

The GCSE English Literature tasks for submission in 2021 are now available on the secure website. Please note that the non-examination assessment tasks for submission in 2020 are still available on the secure website. Please contact your examinations officer to arrange access to the website if you do not already have it.

To locate the tasks, go to: Resources-non-examination assessment tasks.

The date indicated for tasks refers to the expected date for submission/moderation, rather than when the tasks are taken. Tasks may be completed under the specified conditions at any time between now and the submission date. Work must be kept securely until submitted.

There is a set of resources to support centres. The resources can be accessed here.

Marked and annotated exemplar from 2018’s NEA series is 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.

Key Dates

Key dates for 2018-2019 are available for both English Language and English Literature. These documents can be viewed here:

WJEC GCSE English Language 2018-2019
WJEC GCSE English Literature 2018-2019