

WJEC GCE English Language and Literature Resource Guide

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

Subject webpage

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

Portal

[Portal](#) is a secure area for centres to access resources. These include past papers and marking schemes (ahead of their publication on the public website), as well as access to CPD materials.

For teachers to access Portal, they will need a username and password. This will be set up by their Examinations Officer.

Answers to frequently asked questions about Portal can be found [here](#).

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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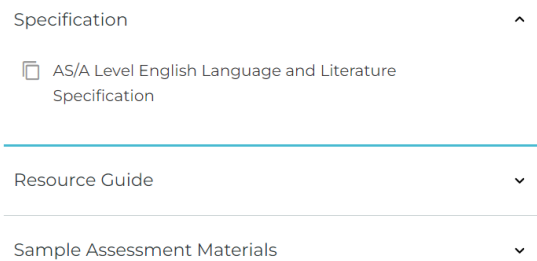
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1. Key Documents

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



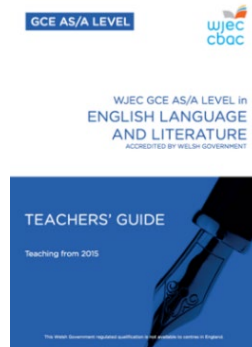
The documents are arranged in categories, and the documents in each category can be viewed by clicking the downward arrow alongside the category name.



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



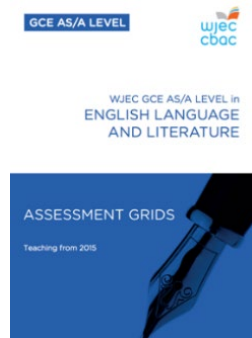
[GCE English Language and Literature Specification](#)



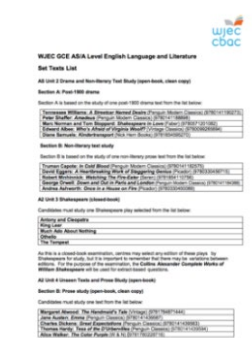
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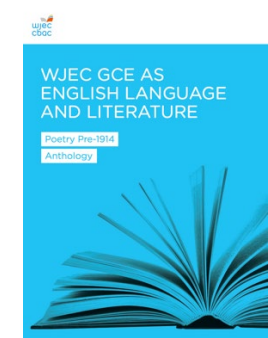
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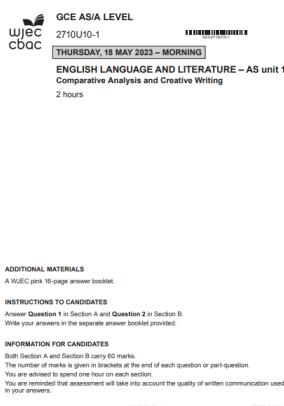


[GCE English Language and Literature Set Text Lists](#)



[GCE AS English Language and Literature Poetry Pre 1914 Anthology](#)

2. Past Papers



Question papers from past examination series are available for:

AS

Unit 1 – Comparative Analysis and Creative Writing (closed-book).

Unit 2 – Drama and Non-literary Text Study (open-book, clean copy).

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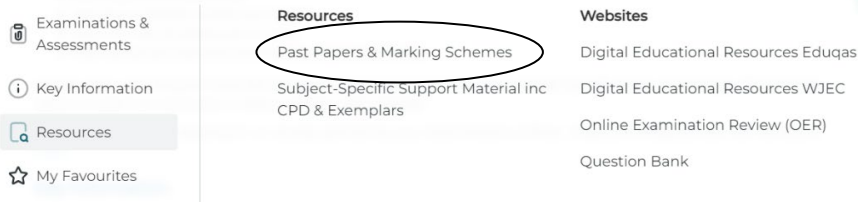
Unit 3 – Shakespeare (closed-book).

Unit 4 – Texts and Prose Study (open-book, clean copy).

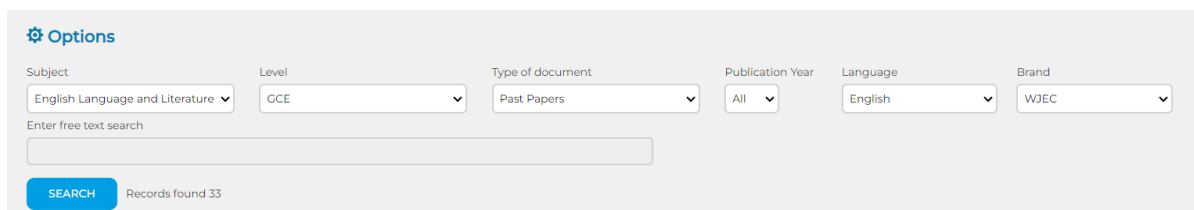
Past papers on Portal (shortly after end of exam series)

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

To locate the past papers, select 'Past Papers & Marking Schemes' from the 'Resources' menu on the left-hand side of the screen:



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



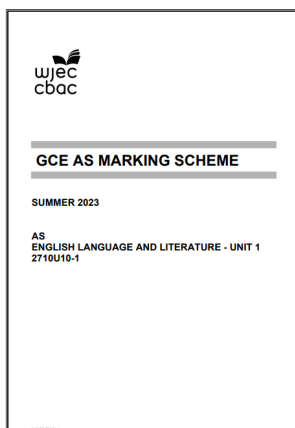
Past papers on public website (up to twelve months after Results Day)

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

Series	Past Papers on public website
June Series	1-31 st July (of the following year)

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

3. Marking Schemes

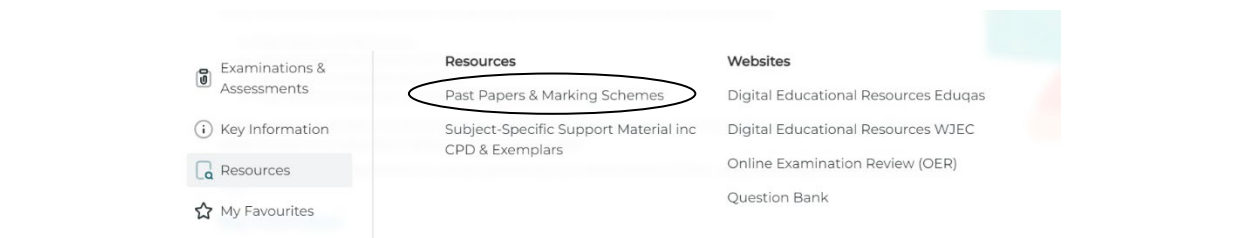


Marking schemes are available to accompany question papers from past examination series, providing instructions on how to apply the marking criteria, examples of indicative content, and assessment grids articulating the banded descriptors for different levels of responses.

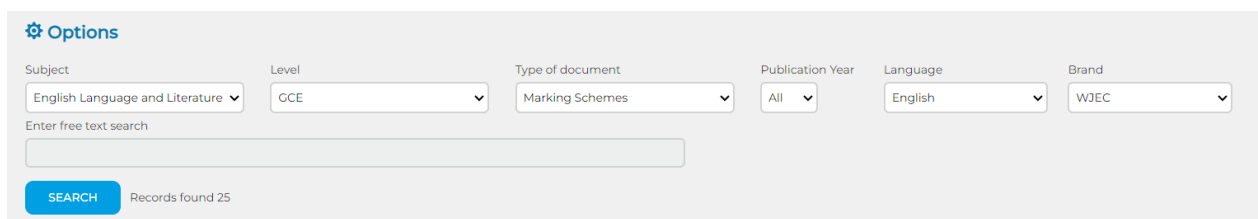
Marking schemes on Portal (from Results Day)

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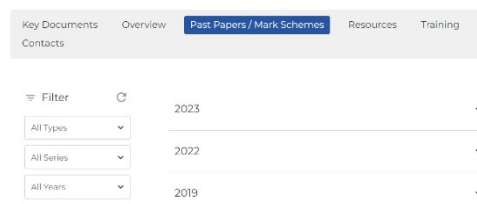


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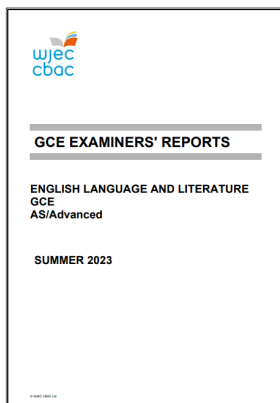
Marking schemes are published on the public website around twelve months after results for a series have been issued:

Series	Marking schemes on public website
June series	1-31 st July (of the following year)

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



4. Examiners' Reports



The Principal Examiners' reports (called 'Examiner's Reports') provide helpful 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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5. Online Exam Review (Marked Exemplar)

Exemplar materials can currently be accessed via the Online Exam Review (OER) site and subject webpages (see below for details).

Please note that, **from Summer 2024 onwards, new exemplar materials will be made available on [Portal](#) only.**

All Subjects > English Language and Literature > GCE

Summer 2022

English Language and Literature

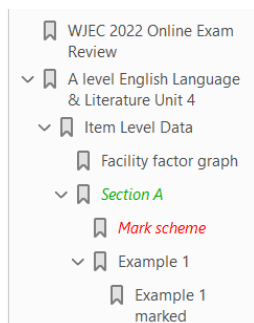
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A Level Summer 2022 WJEC English Language and Literature Unit 3

A Level Summer 2022 WJEC English Language and Literature Unit 4

AS Level Summer 2022 WJEC English Language and Literature Unit 1

AS Level Summer 2022 WJEC English Language and Literature Unit 2



Until Summer 2022, a set of [Online Exam Review](#) material for each exam component was published. These materials, which are still available online, include both clean and marked exemplars of candidate responses to key questions from previous examinations.

The OER materials can be used with students, to encourage them to review others' responses and discuss ways in which they may be improved, thus developing their own skills.

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 to fully access the material.

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

[Key Documents](#)

[Overview](#)

[Past Papers / Mark Schemes](#)

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Exemplars

A Level English Language and Literature Unit 4 Exemplar Material

2022 Annotated Exemplar

2019 Annotated Exemplar

2018 Annotated Exemplar

2017 Annotated Exemplar

2016 Annotated Exemplar

6. Newsletters

AS/A level English Language, English Language and Literature, and English Literature Newsletter - January 2024

Blyddyn Newydd! We hope that you had a good Christmas and that you are ready for the challenges of the new term. In this edition of the newsletter, we have some general and subject-specific updates and information that you may need as you begin this new term.

1. [Arrangements for Summer 2024](#)
2. [Resources](#)
3. [Professional Learning 2024](#)
4. [NEA](#)
5. [Opportunities](#)
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1. Arrangements for Summer 2024

For the summer 2024 exam series, AS and A level qualifications will return to pre-pandemic approaches. This means that no advance information will be provided and there will not be a midway grading policy as there was in 2022 and 2023. Grades will be awarded in line with the summer 2019 outcomes.

GCE English Literature:
Please be aware that for Unit 3, Section B of the A level English Literature paper, the layout of the question will be slightly different in summer 2024. An example of how the summer 2023 question would have looked had the same layout been applied is below:

6. Compare the presentation of journeys in Poem A: 'Troop Train Returning' by Les Murray and in one other poem from the list below:

Poem B: 'Enli' by Christine Evans
Poem C: 'Penitence' by John Burnside
Poem D: 'Driving in Fog' by Robert Mehinick.
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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.

Get the latest subject updates

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

[Key Documents](#) Overview Past Papers / Mark Schemes Resources Training

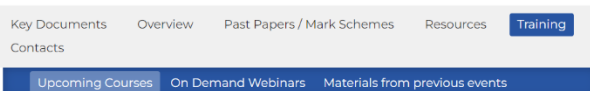
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7. CPD/ Professional Learning Materials

Annual Professional Learning programme

WJEC offers an annual programme of CPD/ 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.

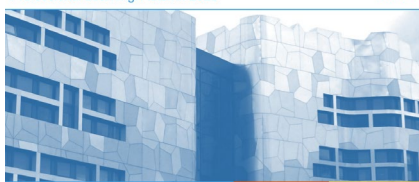
Details of forthcoming sessions are listed on the [subject webpage](#) under [Training > Upcoming Courses](#).



Upcoming Professional Learning Events

Materials from past CPD events

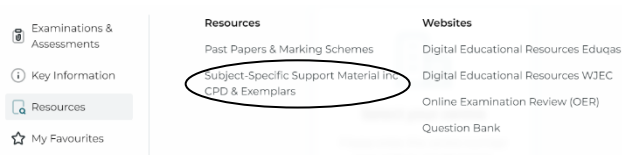
WJEC AS/A Level English Language and Literature
Online Feedback on Summer Assessments
Professional Learning: Autumn 2023



Pre-recorded courses

CPD materials from some previous course/unit-specific training can be found on the English Literature webpage, under [Materials from previous events](#).

Other sessions from previous years are available on [Portal](#). These can be accessed by selecting 'Resources', and then 'Subject Specific Materials including CPD.'



For GCE English Language and Literature, the focus of each year's CPD provision is **Assessment > classroom practice** – reviewing the previous assessment series and preparing for the year ahead.

Autumn 2023	Assessment > classroom practice – review the recent summer assessment series and preparing for the year ahead.
Autumn 2022	Assessment > classroom practice – reviewing the summer's assessment series and preparing for the year ahead.
Autumn 2019	Assessment > classroom practice – reviewing the summer's assessment series and preparing for the year ahead.
Autumn 2018	Assessment > classroom practice – reviewing the summer's assessment and preparing for the year ahead.
Autumn 2017	Assessment > classroom practice – reviewing the summer's assessment and preparing for the year ahead.

On-Demand Courses

Other CPD training materials can be accessed by selecting [Training > On-Demand Courses](#). These are designed to support the teaching and learning of English, from KS3 through to KS5. Alternatively, the images below link to the courses currently on offer:



Teaching Grammar in the English Classroom



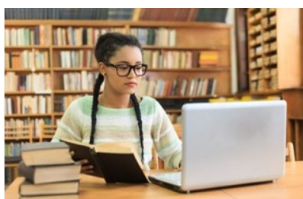
Using Cognitive Acceleration in the English Classroom

8. Educational Resources

A wide range of free digital resources has been developed to support the teaching and learning of WJEC GCE English Language/Literature and these are available from our [Educational Resources](#) website.

The full range of resources can be accessed [here](#) and a selection of the resources are outlined below.

Exam Walk Through – AS/A Level English Language & Literature



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

A Level English Language and Literature – Unit 1: Knowledge Organisers



A bank of sample [knowledge organisers](#) to support the learning of A Level Language and Literature Unit 1.

A Level English Language and Literature – Unit 2: Knowledge Organisers



A bank of sample [knowledge organisers](#) to support the learning of A Level Language and Literature Unit 2.

A Level English Language and Literature – Unit 4: Knowledge Organisers



A bank of sample [knowledge organisers](#) to support the learning of A Level Language and Literature Unit 4.

A Level English Language and Literature – Unit 5: Knowledge Organisers



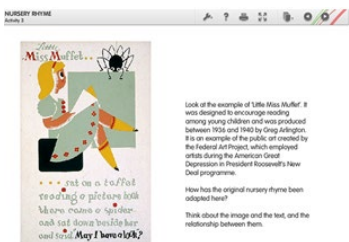
A bank of sample [knowledge organisers](#) to support the learning of A level Language and Literature Unit 5 .

Literary and Linguistic Terminology



A [range of short, sharp interactive activities](#), designed to aid students in becoming familiar with literary and linguistic terminology.

Language Variation



A [series of resources](#) to support WJEC's GCE English Language specification, ideal for an introduction to A2 studies, particularly Unit 3, Language Over Time.

A Level Language and Literature – Essay Writing Skills



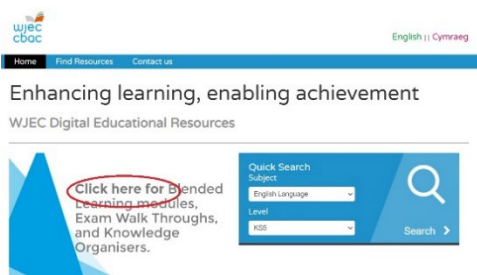
These are a [set of interactive activities](#) taking you through the key steps of writing an organised and well-structured essay.

A Level Language and Literature – Text Tools



A [bank of tools](#) that allow teachers to use their own piece of text to generate a range of activities.

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.

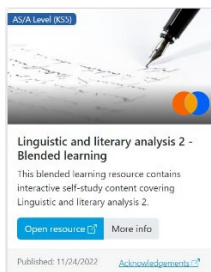
Below are a few of the GCE English Language and Literature blended learning resources currently available on our website.



[Linguistic and Literary Analysis 1 - Blended learning](#)



[Spoken Language - Blended Learning](#)



[Linguistic and Literary Analysis 2 - Blended Learning](#)



[Creative Writing 2 - Blended Learning](#)

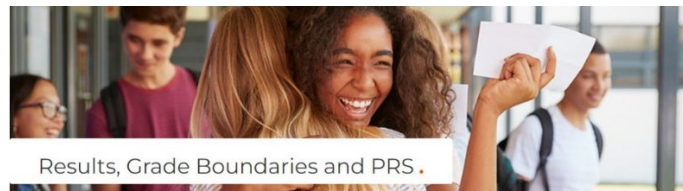


[Connecting texts - Blended Learning](#)

9. Grade Boundaries and Exam Results analysis

Grade Boundaries

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

June 2022

- [WJEC GCSE \(Linear\) Grade Points June 2022](#)
- [Entry Level Grade Points June 2022](#)
- [Level 1/2 Global Business Communication Unit 2 Grade Points June 2022](#)
- [Overall GCSE WJEC UMS Grade Boundaries and Unit Information Summer 2022](#)
- [Overall A-AS WJEC UMS Grade Boundaries and Unit Information Summer 2022](#)

In order to access the Uniform Mark Scale (UMS) information, select all of the valid information from the drop down.

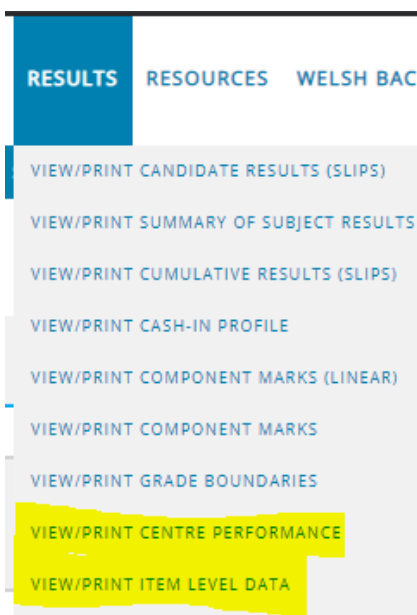
Year	Session	Brand	Subject	Option
2024	Welsh Baccalaureate January	WJEC	COMMUNITY CHALLENGE (90S3)	WB ADV CHALLENGE 3

Welsh Baccalaureate January 2024 COMMUNITY CHALLENGE (90S3)

Grade	D2	M2	P	U	What is a UMS?
UMS Grade Boundary	060	045	030	000	
Raw Mark Grade Boundary	021	014	007	000	

Grade Boundary information can also be found on the [subject webpage](#) under 'Overview' which will redirect you to the [Results, Grade Boundaries and PRS](#) page.

Exam Results Analysis



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.

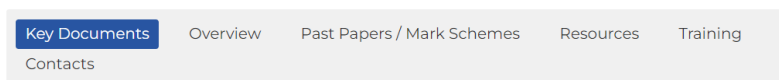
It can be accessed on [Portal](#), and allows you to compare your students' performance on each question with that of the candidature overall, letting you see where they have done well and where there might be room for improvement. To do this, under the 'Results' tab, click on 'View/Print Item Level Data' or 'View/Print Centre Performance' for comparable data.

12. Key Dates

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

GCE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Important Dates for 2023-2024	
19 October	Feedback on summer assessments (Online Course) Free
21 February	Summer 2024 Series: Last date for receipt of entries
18 March	Summer 2024 Series: Last date for entry amendments without late fees
1 April	WJEC Internal Assessment Mark Input System (IAMIS) open for submission of NEA marks
15 May	Summer 2024 Series: Final deadline for submission of NEA sample to moderator
16 May AM	Summer 2024 Series: English Language and Literature AS Unit 1 Examination
24 May AM	Summer 2024 Series: English Language and Literature AS Unit 2 Examination
5 June AM	Summer 2024 Series: English Language and Literature A2 Unit 3 Examination
14 June PM	Summer 2024 Series: English Language and Literature A2 Unit 4 Examination
15 August	AS/A Level Results Day



Key Dates

AS/A Level English Language and Literature Important Dates 2023/24

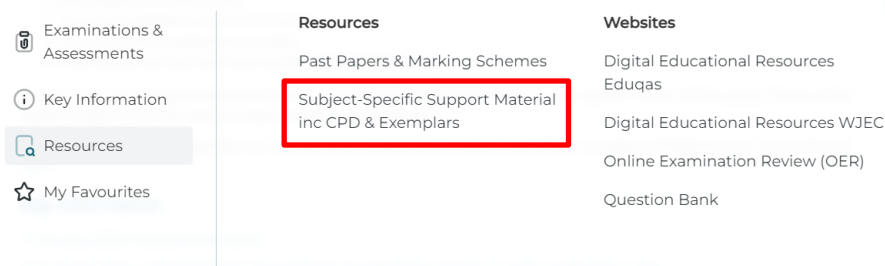
Key dates are published at the start of each academic year, enabling you to plan for the year ahead.

13. Non-Examination Assessment

NEA Standardising Exemplar

NEA standardising exemplars are available on our [Portal](#) 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.



Subject-Specific Support Material including CPD & Exemplars

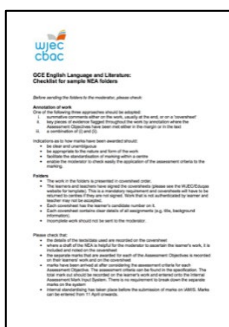
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A level English Language and Literature NEA Standardising Exemplar

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Non-Examination Assessment - Guidance Documents



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

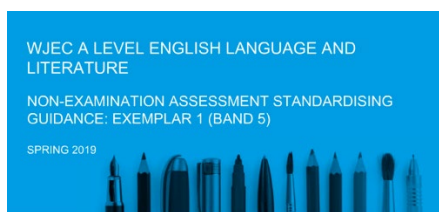
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Non-Exam Assessment ^

-  WJEC A Level English Language And Literature Unit 5 Non Exam Assessment Coversheet
-  WJEC GCE English Language and Literature NEA Checklist
-  WJEC English A Level - Managing AI in NEA - Guidance for Centres

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.



We also provide guidance for NEA-marking through an [Online CPD](#) course. This is designed to:

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

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Our subject team is happy to help you with all your queries related to the teaching and learning of WJEC GCE English Language and Literature. Our Subject Officers are experienced teachers and are here to support you with delivering our qualifications. Get in touch with us via e-mail.