

WJEC GCE English Language and Literature Resources 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 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 standardising of the NEA folder.

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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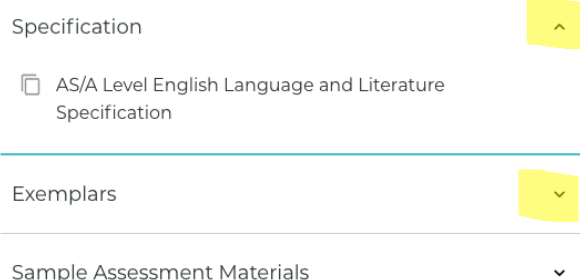
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1. Key Documents

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



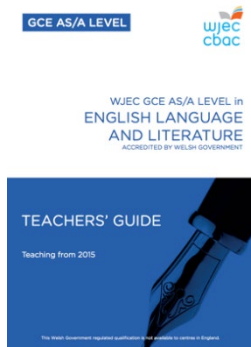
The documents are arranged in categories, and the documents in each category can be viewed by clicking the downward arrow alongside the category name.



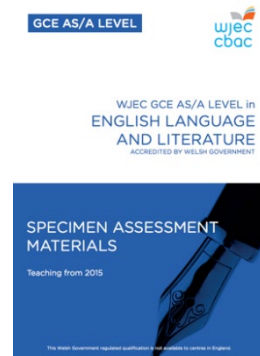
Below are direct links to some of the documents that you will need to get started in teaching the qualification.



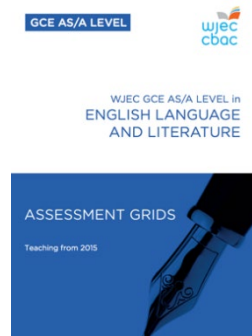
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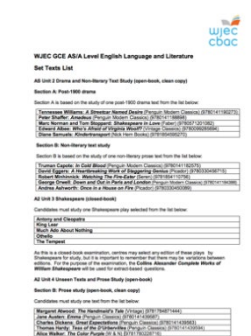
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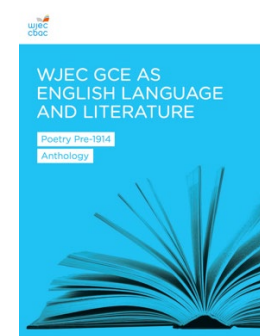
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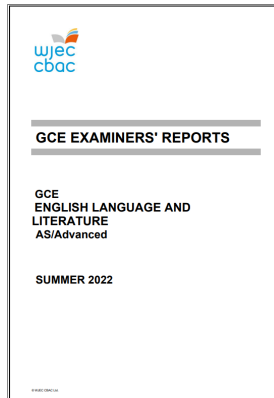
[GCE English Language and Literature Assessment Grids](#)



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

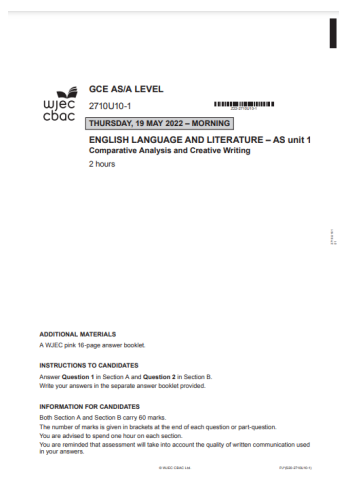


[GCE AS English Language and Literature Poetry Pre 1914 Anthology](#)



[A Level English Literature and
Language Principal Examiner's
Report \(2022\)](#)

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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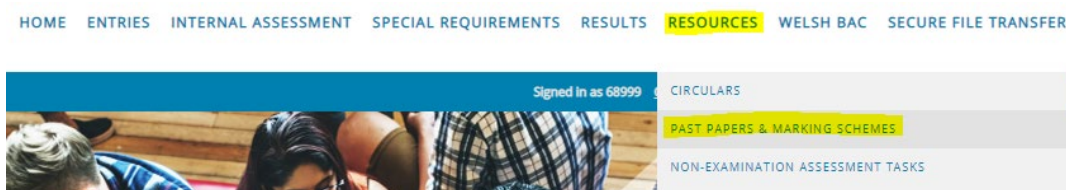
Unit 3 – Shakespeare (closed-book).

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

Past papers on 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

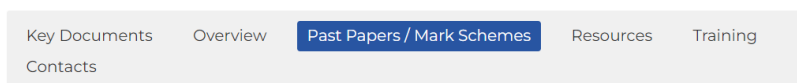
Subject English Language and Literature	Level GCE	Type of document Past Papers	Publication Year All	Language English	Brand WJEC
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Past papers on public website (from six months after Results day)




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.



2019

-  Past Paper - Summer - English Lang & Lit Unit 1:
Written: Comparative Analysis and Creative Writing
-  Past Paper - Summer - English Lang & Lit Unit 2:
Written: Drama and Non-literary Text Study
-  Past Paper - Summer - English Lang & Lit Unit 3:
Written: Shakespeare

In addition to the Past Papers, we also have an extra [example paper, with annotated responses, available for Unit 4.](#)

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

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Exemplars ^

A Level English Language and Literature Unit 4 Exemplar Material

2022 Annotated Exemplar

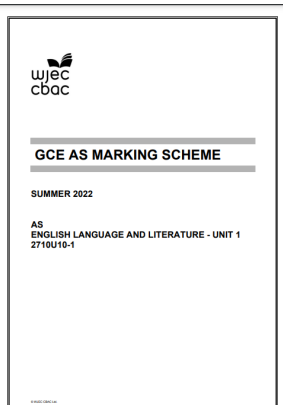
2019 Annotated Exemplar

2018 Annotated Exemplar

2017 Annotated Exemplar

2016 Annotated Exemplar

3. Marking Schemes

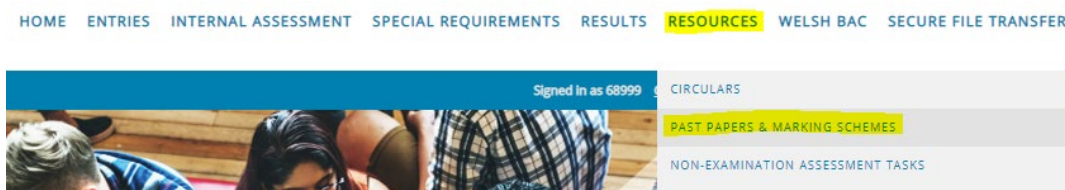


Marking schemes are available to accompany question papers from past examination series, providing instructions on how to apply the marking criteria, examples of indicative content, and assessment grids articulating the banded descriptors for different levels of responses.

Marking schemes on secure website (from Results day)

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

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

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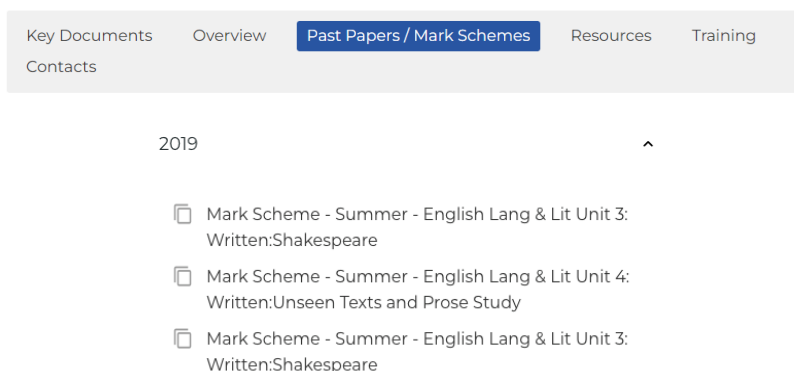
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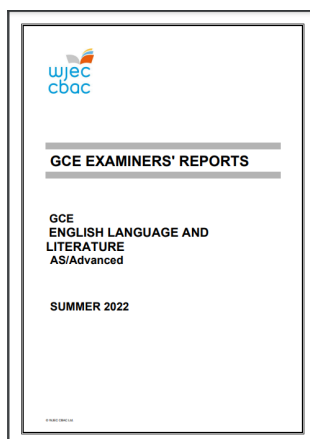
They can be accessed on the [subject webpage](#) under the [Past Papers/ Mark Schemes](#) tab.



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 > Examiner's Reports](#).



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Examiners' Reports ^

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[A Level English Language and Literature Examiners Reports Summer 2022](#)
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[A Level English Language And Literature Examiners Reports Summer 2019](#)
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[A Level English Language And Literature Examiners' Report Summer 2018](#)
- 
[A Level English Language And Literature Examiners' Report Summer 2017](#)
- 
[AS English Language And Literature Examiners' Report Summer 2016](#)

5. Online Exam Review (Marked Exemplar)

All Subjects > English Language and Literature > GCE

Summer 2022

English Language and Literature

GCE

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

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.

- WJEC 2022 Online Exam Review
- ✓ A level English Language & Literature Unit 4
 - ✓ Item Level Data
 - Facility factor graph
 - Section A
 - Mark scheme
 - Example 1
 - Example 1 marked

broad guide, text C has a niche focus on cycling and is intended for a narrower audience.

In conclusion, text A, B and C are united in their celebration of the Lake District and its natural beauty. However, they differ in their presentation of it. Text A takes a metaphorical and emotional approach. Text B is more informative and familiar. Text C is also informal but balances the natural beauty of the area with its treachery.

Aug 23
 Reply
✕

AO1 Wide and thorough knowledge. Purposeful use of terms. Apt textual support. Fluent and organised. Band 5-14

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AO2 Convincing overviews. Some assured reading and detailed analysis. Confident on genre. Band 5-14

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AO4 Confident connections. Insightful views supported. Purposeful and productive. Band 5-25

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](#) under [Key Documents](#) as a single pdf document together with instructions for printing with or without Principal Examiner comments.

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A Level English Language and Literature Unit 4 Exemplar Material

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2019 Annotated Exemplar

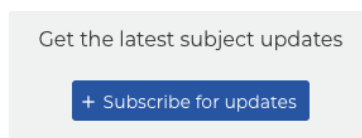
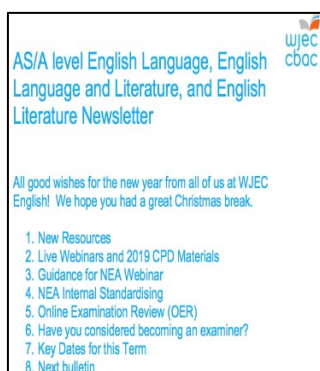
2018 Annotated Exemplar

2017 Annotated Exemplar

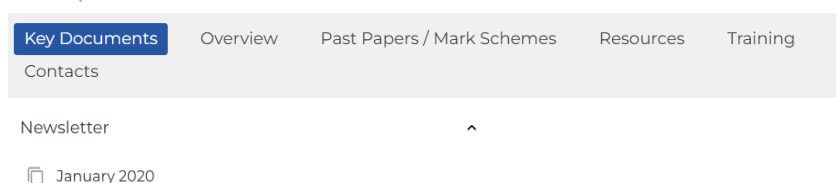
2016 Annotated Exemplar

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.



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

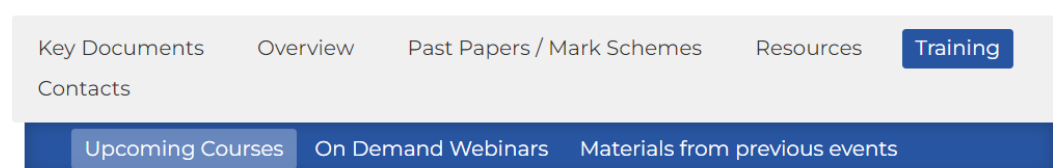


7. CPD/ Professional Learning Materials

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.

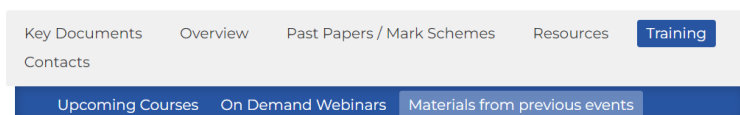
Details of forthcoming sessions are listed on the [subject webpage](#) under [Training > Upcoming Courses](#).



Upcoming Professional Learning Events

Materials from past Professional Learning events

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



Materials from previous courses can be found on the [Secure website](#).

Autumn 2019	▼
Autumn 2018	▼
Autumn 2017	▼

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

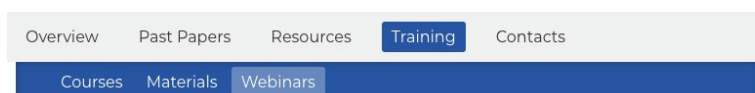
Autumn 2019	Assessment > classroom practice – review the recent summer assessment series and preparing for the year ahead.
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Autumn 2018	Assessment > classroom practice – reviewing the summer's assessment and preparing for the year ahead.
Autumn 2017	Assessment > classroom practice – reviewing the summer's assessment and preparing for the year ahead.
Autumn 2016	Assessment > classroom practice – reviewing the summer's assessment and preparing for the year ahead.

Pre-recorded webinars

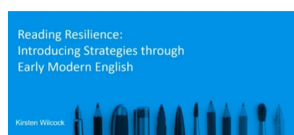


A number of pre-recorded webinars are available on the [subject webpage](#) under [Training > On Demand Webinars](#).



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

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



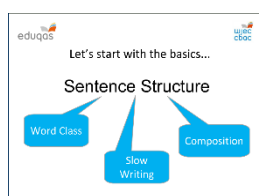
[Pre-recorded TeachMeet](#) session on teaching strategies to develop students' reading resilience in comprehending new or unfamiliar texts. The following video has been designed to support students and teachers at all Key Stages in delivering the English curriculum.

Teaching the Novel and Unseen Prose



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

Cognitive Acceleration

eduqas



Usin' and Abusin' Apostrophe's

wjec
cbac

[Pre-recorded webinar](#) on using cognitive acceleration in the English Classroom. The following 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 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 effectively approach questions in the examination paper.

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



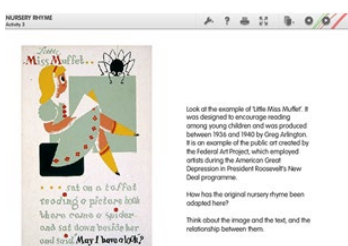
A [bank of sample knowledge organisers](#) to support the learning of A level Language and Literature Unit 5 .

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



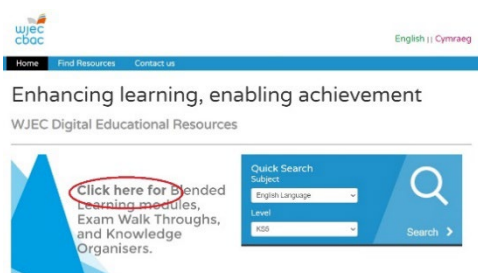
These are a [set of interactive activities](#) taking you through the key steps of writing an organised and well-structured essay.

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.

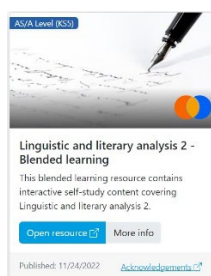
A number of interactive blended learning resources were developed for core subjects in 2021. Below are a few of the GCE English Language blended learning resources currently available on our website.



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



[Spoken Language - Blended Learning](#)



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



[Creative Writing 2 - Blended Learning](#)

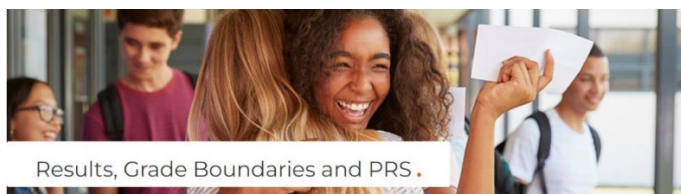


[Connecting texts - Blended Learning](#)

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](#).



Results, Grade Boundaries and PRS.

Grade Boundaries

Post-Results Services

Appeals

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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
2022 ▼	GCE June ▼	WJEC ▼	ENGLISH LANG. & LIT. UNIT 1 (2710) ▼	UNIT 1 ▼

GCE June 2022 ENGLISH LANG. & LIT. UNIT 1 (2710)

Grade	A	B	C	D	E	U	What is a UMS?
UMS Grade Boundary	080	070	060	050	040	000	
Raw Mark Grade Boundary	084	070	056	042	029	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.

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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.

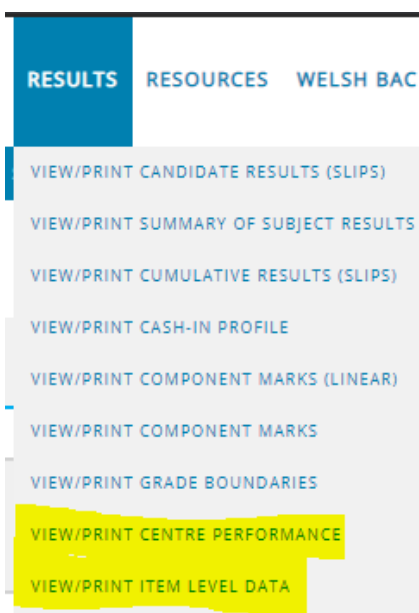
Grade Boundaries

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

Supporting Resources

Order your Poetry Pre-1914 Anthology here. Please include your Centre number and number of copies required.

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 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.

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	
21 February	Summer 2023 Series: Last date for receipt of entries
18 March	Summer 2023 Series: 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	Summer 2023 Series: Final deadline for submission of NEA sample to moderator
18 May AM	Summer 2023 Series: English Literature AS Unit 1 Examination
24 May PM	Summer 2023 Series: English Literature A2 Unit 3 Examination
26 May AM	Summer 2023 Series: English Literature AS Unit 2 Examination
16 June PM	Summer 2023 Series: English Literature A2 Unit 4 Examination
17 August	AS/A Level Results Day

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 AS/A Level English Language and Literature Important Dates 2023

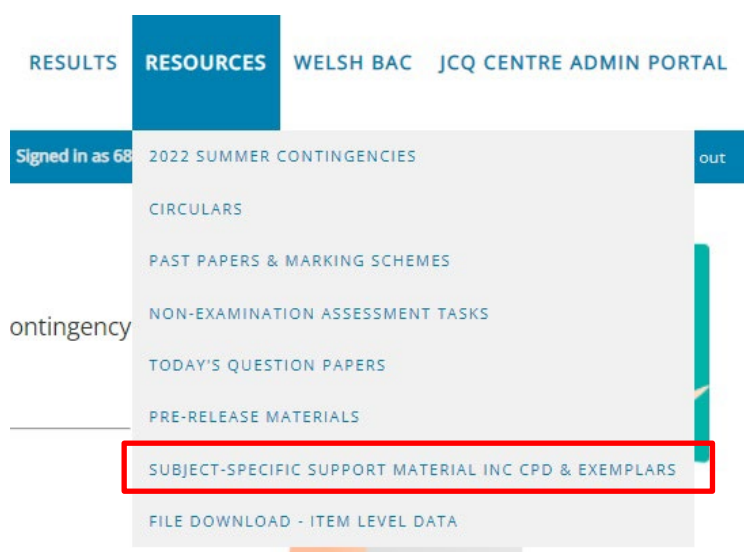
Published at the start of each academic year, this document gives you all the important dates you need to plan for the year ahead.

13. Non-Examination Assessment

NEA Standardising Exemplar

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.



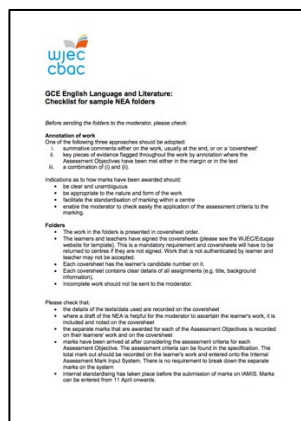
Subject-Specific Support Material including CPD & Exemplars

Subject	Level	Type of document	Publication Year	Language	Brand
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Enter free text search					
standardising exemplar					

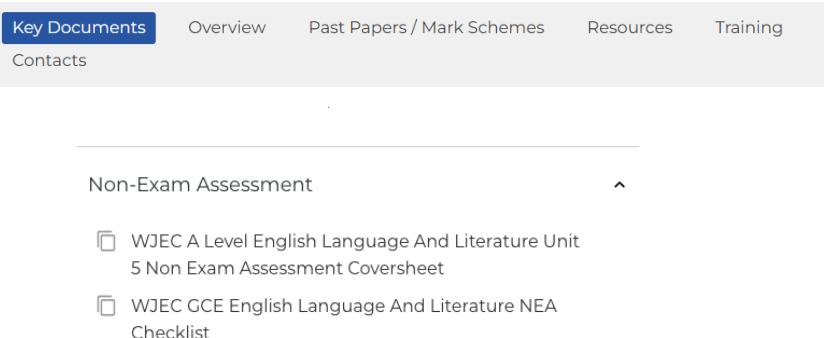
A level English Language and Literature NEA Standardising Exemplar

Filename	Description
 WJEC GCE English Language and Literature Unit 5 NEA Exemplar Material.pdf	

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](#)



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.

Non-Examination Assessment - Webinar

[Online CPD](#) to offer guidance to teachers when preparing and assessing section A of the GCE English Language and Literature– Non-Examination Assessment. The webinar covers a range of important things including:



- Supporting teachers in their marking and understanding of expectations of NEA task.
- Support centres in the assessment of the non-exam assessment (NEA).
- Exemplify marking standards rather than suggest 'model approaches'.

These materials must NOT be shared with candidates.

Contact us

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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.