

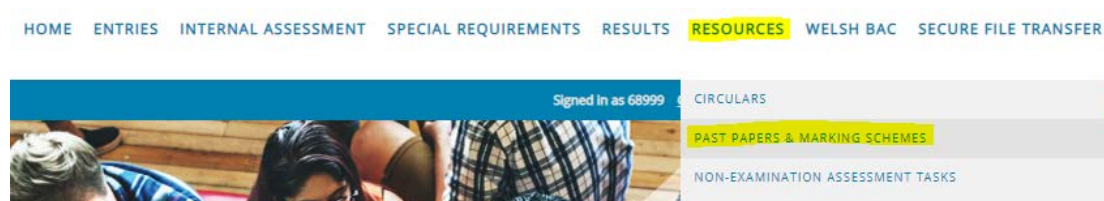
# GCSE/GCE French, German and Spanish Newsletter September 2018

Welcome back. We hope you have had a good summer and are returning refreshed for the new term.

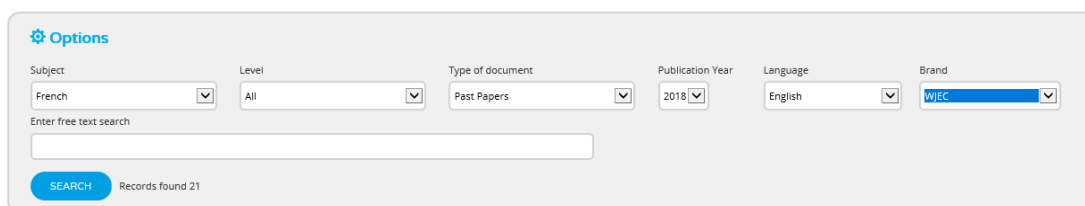
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## 1. Summer 2018 examinations

GCSE, AS and A level results in French, German and Spanish were published in August. The papers and mark schemes are now available to view on our [secure website](#). If you don't have access, please contact your exams officer. To locate them, select 'Past Papers & Marking Schemes' from the 'Resources Menu' at the top of the screen:



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

A screenshot of a search options panel. It features a title 'Options' with a gear icon. Below the title are several dropdown menus: 'Subject' (set to 'French'), 'Level' (set to 'All'), 'Type of document' (set to 'Past Papers'), 'Publication Year' (set to '2018'), 'Language' (set to 'English'), and 'Brand' (set to 'WJEC'). There is also a text input field labeled 'Enter free text search' and a blue 'SEARCH' button. Below the button, it says 'Records found 21'.

Remember that 20 September is the last date for receipt of applications for ROMMAs and 27 September the deadline for the request of electronic copies of scripts for teaching and learning purposes. Please see our [website](#) for more details.

## 2. Analysing candidates' results

WJEC offers two services to help you understand your students' results and develop their exam skills: Exam Results Analysis and Online Exam Review.

Exam Results Analysis 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.

In helping centres interpret their examination results, WJEC has produced [guidance on using item level data](#) to evaluate performance and identify strengths and weaknesses for individuals and cohorts.

[Online Exam Review](#) (OER) provides a number of marked exemplars of candidate responses to key questions in an interactive format. These allow students to mark others' work and discuss ways in which it may be improved, thus developing their own skills. Exemplars from the Summer 2018 examinations will be available soon for GCSE and AS/A level French, German and Spanish.

## 3. Principal Examiners' reports

In conjunction with item level data analysis, centres would find it useful to read the Principal Examiners' Reports for GCSE, AS and A level French, German and Spanish providing feedback on the Summer 2018 series; these are now available on the website subject pages. You are advised to read them carefully as they provide helpful observations and commentary on candidates' work this series.

## 4. AS and A level Unit 1/Unit 3 NEA

Candidates choosing to re-sit the A level will be able to carry forward the marks awarded for Unit 1 and Unit 3 – NEA. For those wishing to re-sit Unit 3 it will be possible to use the same IRP topic providing that the title is changed.

## 5. CPD autumn 2018

This autumn, we will be providing CPD meetings to review the recent French, German and Spanish GCSE, AS and A level assessments, and explore marked candidates' work, focusing on the productive aspects of the 2018 examination series.

To find your nearest meeting and to book your place, please visit our [website](#).

## 6. Guidance for teacher examiners conducting GCSE WJEC Unit 1 Speaking MFL NEA

The updated version of the Guidance will be available shortly on the website.

## 7. Key dates

The confirmed exam timetables including the NEA dates for the 2019 oral examinations have been finalised and published on the WJEC [website](#).

## 8. Next newsletter

The next issue will be sent out in January. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please get in touch.

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