

GCSE English Language September 2024 Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope that this newsletter finds you and your students well and ready to start the new academic year. In this term's edition we hope to provide you with general and subject-specific updates and information that you may need as you start back.

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1. Summer 2024 Results

GCSE results in English Language were published on August 22nd 2024. The papers and mark schemes from the summer 2024 series are now available to view on our [Portal](#). If you do not have access, please contact your exams officer.

As in previous series, a free access to scripts service is available for Eduqas GCSE English Language (C700U10-1 and C700U20-1). Centres can download scripts on behalf of candidates via Portal allowing you to:

- find out how your learners performed in specific areas of assessment.
- better understand how examiners apply our mark schemes.
- gain insights through the comments of our trained examiners.
- identify areas where learners need additional support for future assessments.

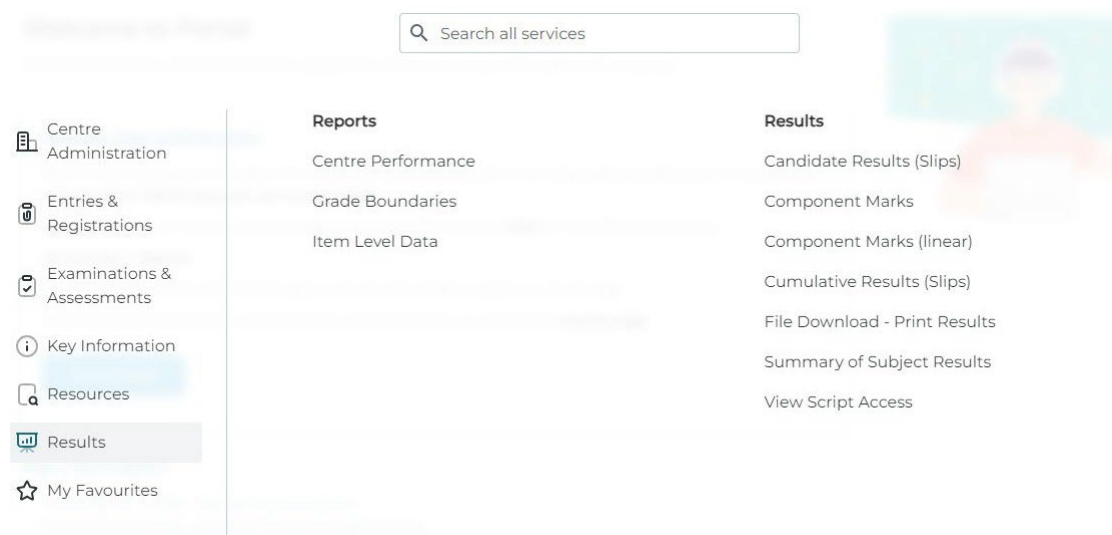
Remember that 26th September is the last date for access to post results services such as a review of marking. Please see our [website](#) for more details. Please note that a centre must obtain the candidate's permission prior to applying for a review of marking.

You can find a range of helpful information in our [Guide to Summer 2024 Post-Results Services](#). Applications for an appeal must be submitted within 30 calendar days of WJEC issuing the outcome of the review. Any applications or requests received after this date will not be accepted.

2. Analysing Candidates' Results

WJEC Eduqas 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 [Portal](#) 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, click on the 'Results' tab.



[Online Exam Review](#) provides a number of clean and marked exemplars of candidate responses to key questions. These exemplars can be found on [Portal](#) under **Resources - Subject-Specific Support Material** including CPD & Exemplars.

Exemplars from the summer examinations will be available by 1st October.

A catalogue detailing the range of exemplar available across exam series is available for [GCSE English Language](#).

3. Principal Examiners' Reports Summer 2024



The Interim Principal Examiners' Reports providing key points from the Summer 2024 series are now available on the website subject pages for [GCSE English Language](#).

The full Principal Examiners' Reports will be published on 30th September. Please read them carefully as they provide helpful observations and commentary on candidates' performance across the examined series that could help prepare learners for the next series. Each report has a handy bullet pointed list at the end of each section to summarise key points and areas of concern and success as well as links to useful resources at the beginning of the report.

As with last year's Principal Examiners' Reports, you will find links to resources based on some key points raised in each report. We hope that you find this additional support helpful as you prepare learners for the 2025 exam series.

4. GCSE English Language NEA (November Series)

Spoken Language Statement

Centres that are entering new grades in the November 2024 series are required to send a signed spoken language statement to us confirming that reasonable steps have been taken to ensure that all candidates entered for WJEC Eduqas GCSE English Language have completed the Spoken Language assessment. **The statement must be signed by the Head of Centre.**

The completed statement must be emailed to spokenlanguagestatement@eduqas.co.uk by the 5th November 2024.

The November statement can be accessed [here](#).

Please note that the declaration does not need to be completed if all candidates in your centre are carrying forward their spoken language grade from a previous series.

Where centres are entering new work in November, Spoken Language standardised exemplars and commentaries are available on our [Portal](#) to support teachers standardising the marking of the NEA presentations. They can be located by selecting 'Subject-Specific Support Material including CPD and Exemplars' on the 'Resources' tab and then entering 'spoken language' in the search box. Remember to select the Eduqas brand in the 'Options' filters.

Subject-Specific Support Material including CPD & Exemplars

INFO : Use the dropdown lists to select subject, level and section and click "search"

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We also have a wealth of guidance and support material on our English Language subject page under [key documents](#).

5. Summer 2024 exams – word processed responses

The Principal Examiners for GCSE English Language noted a high number of illegible responses this series. Centres are reminded that candidates can use a word processor if there is a need for it. This does not need to be applied for via the special considerations process on Portal but a coversheet needs to be filled in. The coversheet is available [here](#).

6. Professional Learning Provision 2024-25 – English Language

Our new Assessment Feedback Package for 2024-25 is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how assessments are marked or moderated. This integrated suite of resources and training brings together free access to Principal Examiner reports, marked scripts, and online assessment feedback sessions, as well as a range of optional paid face-to-face Professional Learning events. Learn more about how you and your learners can benefit from our Assessment Feedback Package here: [Assessment Feedback Package 2024-25](#). You can download the most recent Principal Examiner Report and register for our FREE, online feedback events on the [GCSE English language qualification page](#).

Our free online feedback event on **October 15th** will:

- provide an in-depth look at key points from our Principal Examiner reports.
- explore examples of marked assessments.
- highlight areas for improvement, and characteristics of successful

candidates. These valuable insights will allow you to better prepare future learners for success. Book your place [here](#).

GCSE English Language Assessment and Classroom Practice – Face to Face Events

In January 2025 we will be running paid face to face events for GCSE English language. This full-day, face-to-face course is designed for practitioners teaching the **Eduqas GCSE English Language qualification**. The session will provide an in-depth review of the summer 24 assessment series, exploring a wealth of marked candidates' assessments and it will consider how feedback on these assessments can inform, develop, and improve teaching and learning for future exam series.

The event is designed to enhance the teaching of all components and will provide strategies on how learners can prepare for and produce successful examination responses in relation to the tested assessment objectives. There will also be opportunities to share teaching ideas and network with colleagues.

You will also be provided with a comprehensive **digital** pack of materials that you can share with colleagues.

Eduqas GCSE English Language: Assessment and Classroom Practice

Bristol - 22/01/2025 09:30

[> More info...](#)

Eduqas GCSE English Language: Assessment and Classroom Practice

Manchester - 23/01/2025 09:30

[> More info...](#)

Eduqas GCSE English Language: Assessment and Classroom Practice

London - 28/01/2025 09:30

[> More info...](#)

Eduqas GCSE English Language: Assessment and Classroom Practice

Birmingham - 29/01/2025 09:30

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Book places for these GCSE English Language professional learning events [here](#).

7. Knowledge Organisers

GCSE English Language knowledge organisers



The resources site provides a number of knowledge organisers to support the learning of [GCSE English Language](#). These could be used for revision or as a starting point for learners to create their own knowledge organisers.

For GCSE English language we have knowledge organisers for the following:

- [Comparison](#)
- [Evaluation](#)
- [Explain, comment and analyse](#)
- [Narrative Writing](#)
- [Non-fiction writing](#)
- [Proofreading](#)
- [Purpose, organisation and content](#)
- [Retrieval of explicit and implicit information](#)
- [Synthesising information](#)
- [Analysing texts](#)
- [Structuring writing](#)
- [Technical accuracy in writing](#)

8. Resource Guide



Our Resource Guide provides an overview of the support, guidance and resources available to those teaching the Eduqas GCSE English specifications across our suite of websites.

[GCSE English Language Resource Guide](#)

9. Educational Resources / Blended Learning Resources

Blended Learning Resources

Blended Learning Resources are designed to complement teaching with an online learning pack that allows students to work at their own pace. They can be used as revision by students, as part of catch up or for flipped learning. These resources should not be seen as a way to deliver the content in a classroom setting and should always be blended with conventional method.

English Language

These student-focused blended learning resources for GCSE English language cover key skills such as:

- [comparison](#)
- [planning](#)
- [proofreading](#)
- [developing detail](#)
- [narrative and transactional writing](#)
- [analysis](#)

Teaching grammar



'Grammar for writing' is the focus for [this video](#). Covering word class, clauses and sentence structure, and exploring techniques such as slow writing and 'pointless prepositions', there are plenty of practical ideas to take into the classroom.

Component 3 - GCSE English Language

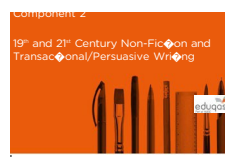
GCSE English Language - Component 3



[This resource](#) supports teachers in the delivery and assessment of Eduqas GCSE English Language Component 3 (Spoken Language).

Exam walk-throughs - GCSE English Language

Exam walk-throughs are available for both GCSE English Language components. These are student-friendly resources that offer practical hints and tips on how to effectively approach questions in the examination papers. Using questions from past exam papers, the PPT with audio help and audio script in the notes will walk students through a mock examination paper, helping them revise and practise useful exam techniques. They can complete the "mock" in a single sitting, tackle one or two questions at a time or revisit some parts of the presentation to reinforce their learning.



10. Regional Support Team

Did you know that we have a Regional Support Team who can offer you any support which you may need?

This includes:

- providing face-to-face and online advice to new and existing centres at a time which is convenient to the centre
- giving practical advice on the best resources for a subject including our digital resources and Online Exam Review
- supporting teachers who are new to a particular subject by going through assessment structure, exam papers, and where to find various resources needed for teaching the subject
- advising centres who are thinking of switching to us

The team is made up of former teachers who understand exactly what kind of support you need to get the most out of your classroom experience. And all the support which they offer is free of charge!

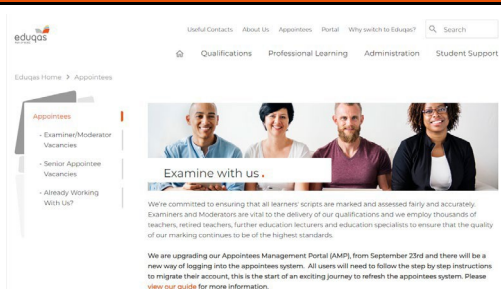
You can find out more, including the regional representative for your area, on our [Regional Support Team](#) page.

11. Key Dates

Key dates for the coming year have been posted on the Eduqas website:

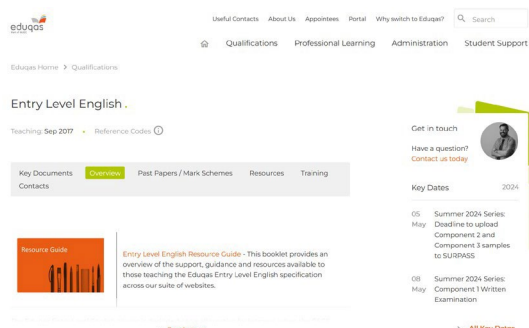
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12. Become an Examiner



As the entry for Eduqas GCSE English Language is growing, we are keen to appoint new examiners. Examining is an excellent way of learning more about the requirements of the exam and thus supporting your students and developing your skills. It also provides a useful additional income. For further details, please see the [appointees section](#) of the website.

13. Develop Eduqas GCSE skills through WJEC ELC English



The [WJEC Entry Level Certificate](#) in English has been designed to more closely reflect the Eduqas GCSE in English Language. It can therefore provide a useful stepping stone, or a complement for students already following the course. Full details of the qualification may be found on the [website](#).

14. Next newsletter

The next issue will be sent out in January 2025. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please get in touch.

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