

Eduqas GCE English Literature Resource Guide

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

Subject webpage

The Eduqas GCE English Literature [subject webpage](#) on the Eduqas 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

The Eduqas [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 Eduqas qualifications.

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1. Key Documents

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

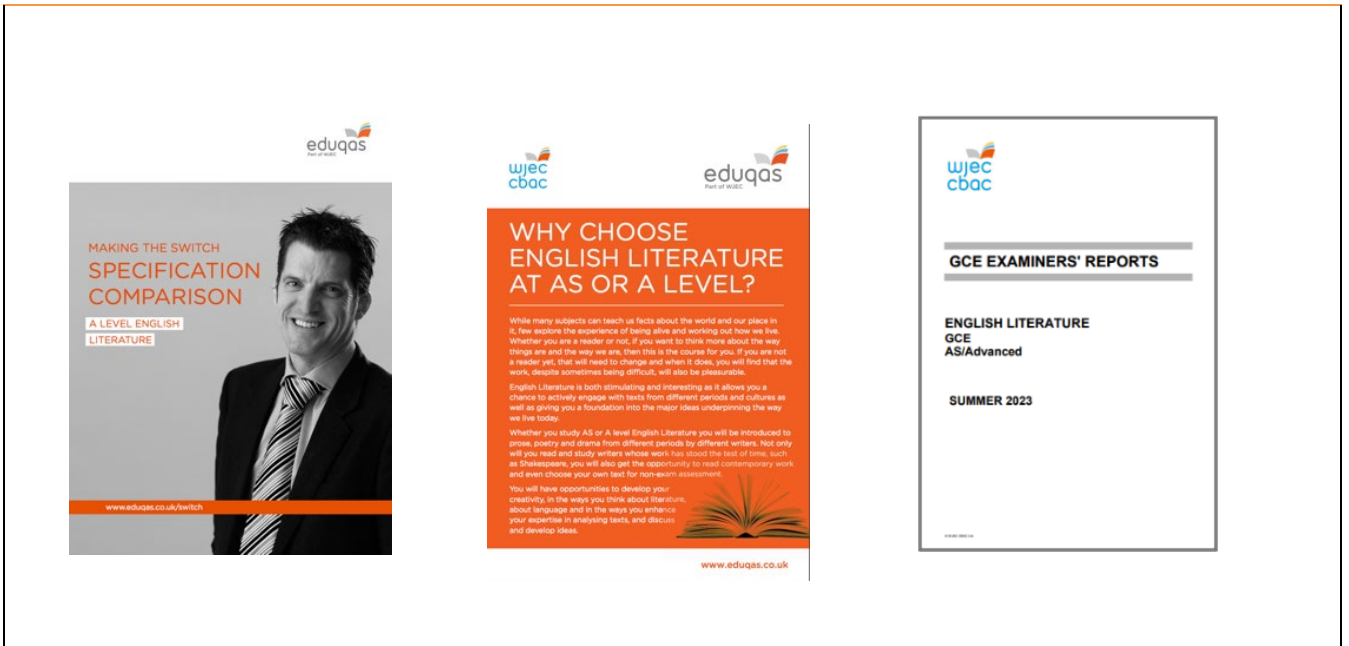
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The documents are arranged in categories, and the documents in each category can be viewed by clicking the downward arrow alongside the category name.

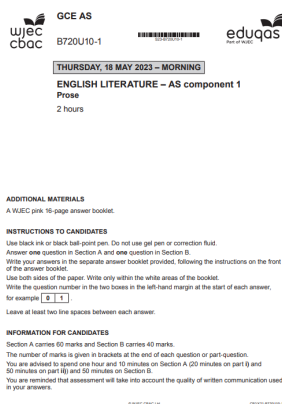
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Below are direct links to some of the documents that you will need to get started teaching the qualification.





2. Past Papers



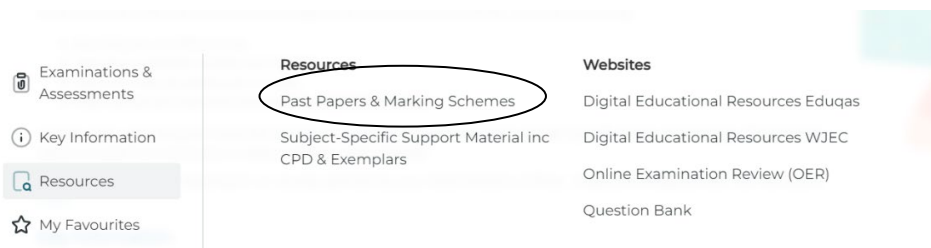
Question papers from past examination series are available for:

- AS
- Component 1 – Prose
- Component 2 – Poetry and Drama
- A2
- Component 1 - Poetry
- Component 2 – Drama
- Component 3 – Unseen Texts

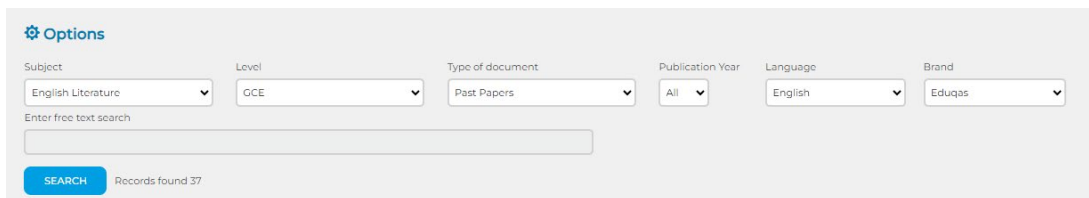
Past papers on Portal (shortly after end of exam series)

Past papers are published 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)

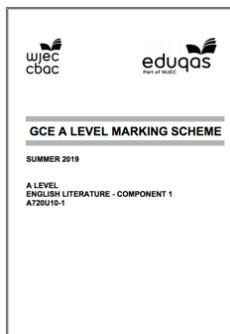
Past papers are published on the public website approximately twelve months after results for a series have been issued:

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.

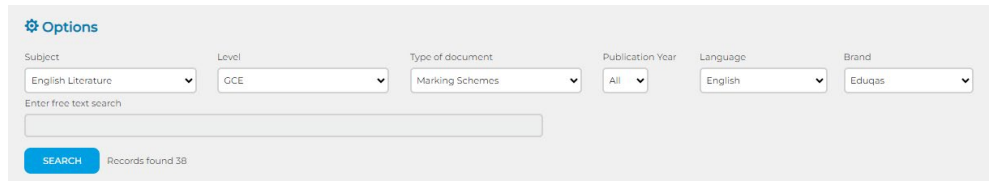
Marking schemes on Portal (from Results Day)

Marking schemes are published initially on [Portal](#) on Results Day for the examination series.

To locate the marking schemes, 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 marking schemes that you are looking for:



The screenshot shows a search interface with the following fields:

- Subject: English Literature
- Level: OCE
- Type of document: Marking Schemes
- Publication Year: All
- Language: English
- Brand: Eduqas

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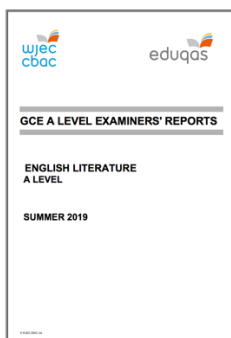


The screenshot shows a navigation menu with the following items:

- Key Documents
- Overview
- Past Papers / Mark Schemes** (highlighted)
- Resources
- Training

Below the menu, there are filter options for 'All Types' and 'All Series', and a list of years including 2022 and 2019.

4. Examiners' Reports



The Principal Examiners' 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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Below the menu, there is a 'Contacts' link.

5. Online Exam Review (Marked Exemplar)

Search Options Subjects Keyword

All Subjects > English Literature > GCE

Summer 2022

English Literature

GCE

- ▢ A Level Summer 2022 Eduqas English Literature Component 1
- ▢ A Level Summer 2022 Eduqas English Literature Component 2
- ▢ A Level Summer 2022 Eduqas English Literature Component 3

- ▢ Eduqas 2022 Online Exam Review
- ✓ ▢ A level English Literature Component 1
 - ✓ ▢ Item Level Data
 - ▢ Facility factor graph
 - ✓ ▢ Section A
 - ▢ Mark scheme
 - ✓ ▢ Example 1
 - ▢ Example 1 marked

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.

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

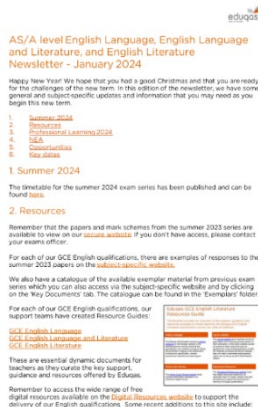
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Exemplars ^

- ▢ 2022 Annotated Exemplar
- ▢ 2019 Annotated Exemplar
- ▢ 2018 Annotated Exemplar

6. Newsletters



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

Happy New Year! 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. [Summer 2024](#)
2. [Resources](#)
3. [Past Papers / Mark Schemes](#)
4. [Key Documents](#)
5. [Exemplars](#)
6. [Training](#)

1. **Summer 2024**

The timetable for the summer 2024 exam series has been published and can be found [here](#).

2. **Resources**

Remember that the papers and mark schemes from the summer 2023 series are available to view on our [resources website](#). If you don't have access, please contact your exams officer.

For each of our GCE English qualifications, there are examples of responses to the summer 2023 papers on the [subject-specific website](#).

We also have a catalogue of the available exemplar material from previous exam series which you can also access via the subject-specific website and by clicking on the 'Key Documents' tab. The catalogue can be found in the 'Exemplars' folder.

For each of our GCE English qualifications, our support teams have created Resource Guides:

- [GCE English Language](#)
- [GCE English Language and Literature](#)
- [GCE English Literature](#)

These are essential dynamic documents for teachers as they contain the key support, guidance and resources offered by Eduqas.

Remember to access the wider range of free digital resources available on the [Digital Resources website](#) to support the delivery of our English qualifications. Some recent additions to this site include:

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

+ Subscribe for updates

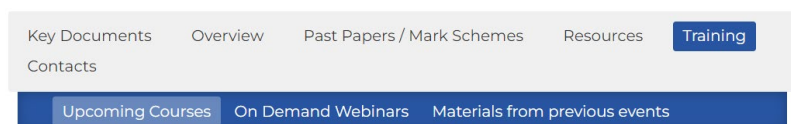
Past newsletters are also available from the [subject webpage](#) under [Key Documents > Newsletters](#).

7. CPD/ Professional Learning Materials

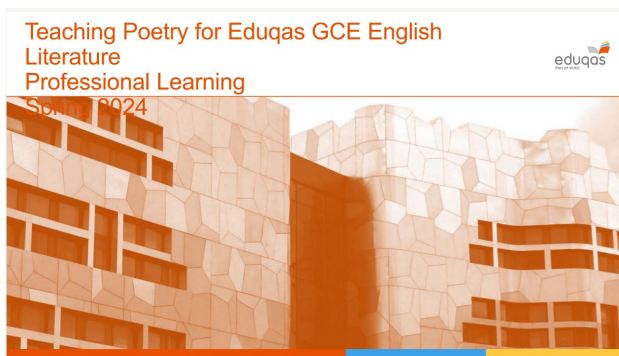
Annual CPD/ Professional Learning programme

Eduqas offers an annual programme of 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](#).



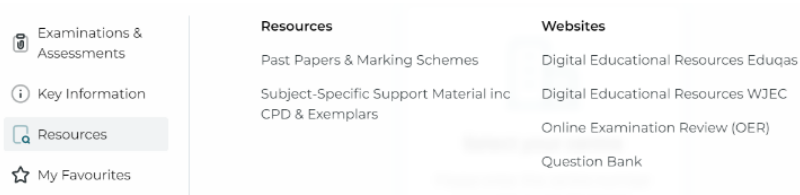
Materials from past CPD events



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.'



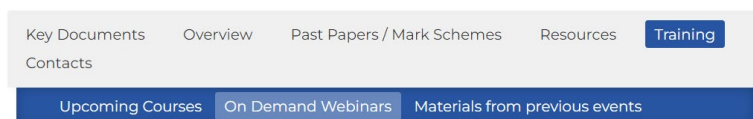
The focus of each year's provision is outlined below.

Winter 2024	Assessment > classroom practice – Teaching Poetry.
Autumn 2023	Assessment > classroom practice – Feedback on summer assessments.
Winter 2023	Assessment > classroom practice – Prose.
Spring 2021	Assessment > classroom practice – Teaching Drama.

Autumn 2019	Assessment > classroom practice – Teaching and Assessing Poetry.
Autumn 2018	Assessment > classroom practice – Reviewing the recent summer assessment series and preparing for the year ahead.
Autumn 2017	Assessment > classroom practice – Reviewing the recent summer assessment series and preparing for the year ahead.
Autumn 2016	Classroom practice – Preparing to teach the new A-Level specification.

On-Demand Courses

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



A selection of the available webinars for Eduqas GCE English Literature are detailed below:

English Literature GCE: Marking like an Examiner - Component 1



This [webinar](#) aims to support teachers' knowledge and understanding of the Assessment Objectives and how to apply them in their own marking.

English Literature: Teaching and Learning (Components 1 and 2)



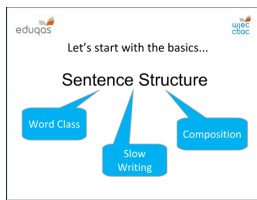
This [webinar](#) is designed to support students and teachers preparing for Eduqas English Literature Components 1 and 2.

Reading Resilience: Introducing Strategies through Early Modern English



[Recording](#) of a Teach Meet on developing reading resilience in students.

Teaching Grammar



[Pre-recorded webinar](#) on teaching grammar in the English Classroom.

Cognitive Acceleration



[Pre-recorded webinar](#) on using cognitive acceleration in the English classroom.

Inside English – Online Magazine

Follow the link below to access previous issues of *Inside English*, an online magazine for teachers of English. Each issue includes features relating to the teaching and learning of English, as well as articles that will be of interest to teachers looking to expand their subject knowledge.

[Inside English - Online Magazine \(wjec.co.uk\)](http://wjec.co.uk)

8. Educational Resources

A wide range of free digital resources has been developed to support the teaching and learning of Eduqas GCE English 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.

A Level English Literature: Approaches to Different Interpretations



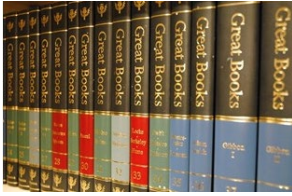
[These resources](#) contain guidance for teachers and learners on how to use critical interpretations to enhance their understanding of literature.

A Level English Literature: Effective Writing



[This resource](#) provides guidance about how to write more precisely and effectively.

AS/A Level English Literature: Analysing Unseen Prose



[A series of resources](#) to develop the skills required in reading and analysing prose.

A Level English Literature: Close Textual Analysis



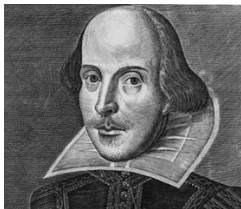
[These resources](#) give guidance to teachers and learners on how to develop close textual analysis (AO2).

AS/A Level English Literature: Analysing Unseen Poetry



[This resource](#) aims to build confidence in reading and writing about poetry.

English Literature: Teaching Shakespeare and Drama



A [series of resources](#) to develop and apply the necessary skills needed to write about drama effectively.

English Literature: Enhancing Understanding of Literature



[These resources](#) will help develop learners' knowledge and understanding of literature.

Blended Learning Resources

Eduqas has recently developed a range of interactive [Blended Learning Resources](#) for student self-study to further support the teaching of this qualification.

Below are a number of the GCE English Literature blended learning resources currently available on our [Educational Resources](#) website.

A Level Literature – Component 1, Section A: Knowledge Organisers



We have compiled a collection of sample [knowledge organisers](#) to support the learning of A Level Literature Component 1.

A Level Literature – Shakespeare Knowledge Organisers



Sample [knowledge organisers](#) to support the learning of A Level Literature - Shakespeare.

A Level Literature – Prose Knowledge Organisers



Sample [knowledge organisers](#) to support the learning of A Level Literature - Shakespeare.

A Level English Literature: Exam Walk Through



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

Understanding Dramatic Techniques – Blended Resource



This [Blended Learning Resource](#) contains interactive self-study content. It is designed to complement traditional face-to-face teaching with an online learning pack that allows students to learn at their own pace.

A Level Component 1, Section A: Developing an Understanding of Poetry - Blended



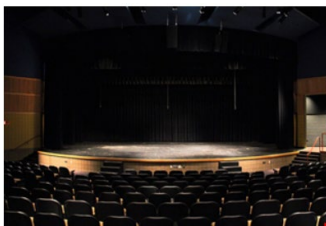
This [Blended Learning Resource](#) contains interactive self-study content covering A level Component 1, Section A: Developing an Understanding of Poetry.

A Level Component 1, Section B: Analytical and Comparative Approaches to Poetry - Blended



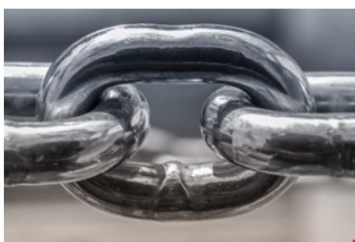
This [Blended Learning Resource](#) contains interactive self-study content covering A level Component 1, Section B: Analytical and Comparative Approaches to Poetry.

A Level Component 2, Section A: Shakespeare's Language



This [Blended Learning Resource](#) contains interactive self-study content covering A level Component 2, Section A: Shakespeare's Language.

A Level Component 3, Section A and Component 4: Comparing Prose Texts - Blended



This [Blended Learning Resource](#) contains interactive self-study content covering A level Component 3, Section A and Component 4: Comparing Prose Texts.

A Level Component 3, Section A and Component 4: A Close Analysis of Prose - Blended



This [Blended Learning Resource](#) contains interactive self-study content covering A level Component 3, Section A and Component 4: A Close Analysis of Prose Fiction.

9. Grade Boundaries and Exam Results analysis

Grade Boundaries

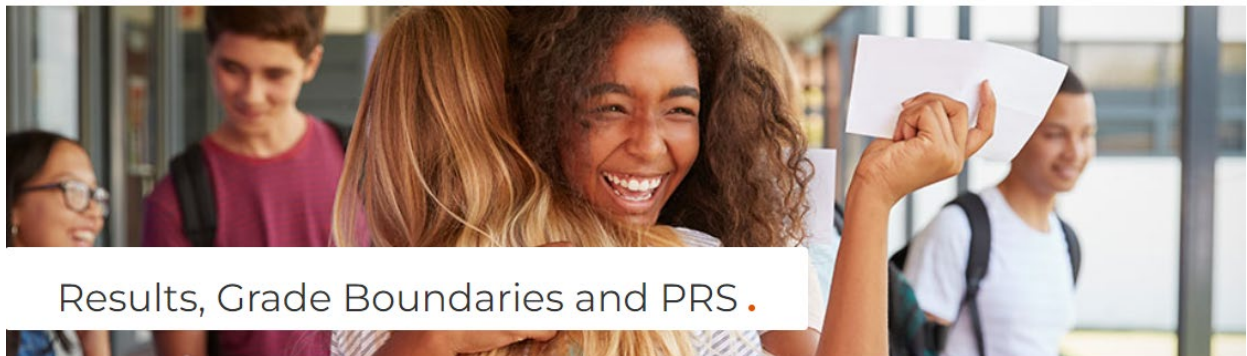
Grade boundaries from past examination series are available on the [subject webpage](#).

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Grade Boundaries

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

If you click on 'Grade Boundaries' this will take you to [administration > Results, Grade Boundaries and PRS](#).






Results, Grade Boundaries and PRS .

Grade Boundaries Post-Results Services Appeals Certificates Results

Grade boundaries from past examination series are also available on the [subject webpage](#) under [Key Documents > Grade Boundaries](#)

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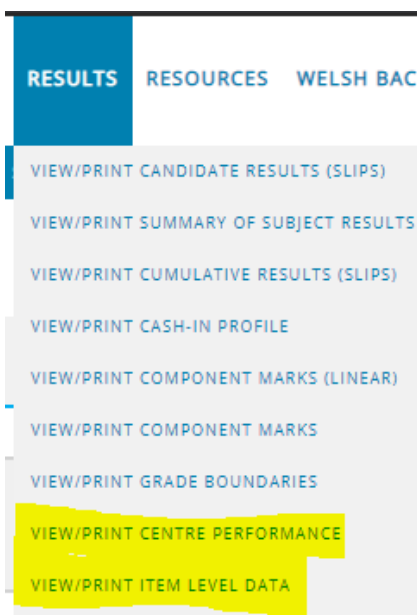
-  A Level Grade Points November 2020
-  AS Grade Points November 2020
-  A Level Grade Points June 2019

These tables will show the overall mark needed to gain each grade, as well as notional grade boundaries for each individual component.

Eduqas GCE A Level Grade Points – November 2020

Subj. Code/ Component	Subject Name/Component Name	Maximum Mark	Weighting Factor	A*	A	B	C	D	E
A720QS	ENGLISH LITERATURE	320		240	207	172	138	104	70
Component 1	Poetry	120	1.0000	90	79	66	53	40	27
Component 2	Drama	120	1.0000	95	81	68	55	42	29
Component 3	Unseen Texts	80	1.0000	55	47	38	30	22	14
Component 4	Prose Study	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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.

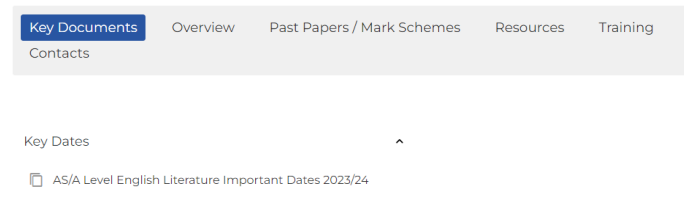
It can be accessed on [Portal](#), and allows you to compare your students' performance on each question with that of the candidature overall, letting you see where they have done well and where there might be room for improvement. To do this, under the 'Results' tab, click on 'View/Print Item Level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

10. Key Dates

GCE ENGLISH LITERATURE

Important Dates for 2023-2024	
17 October	EDUQAS A Level English Literature: Feedback on summer assessments (Online Course) Free
31 October	Deadline for submitting text nominations for Component 4 NEA. This is to allow sufficient time for a response and re-nomination if necessary before November 30th after which date the online service will be removed from the secure website.
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

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









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

11. Non-Examination Assessment

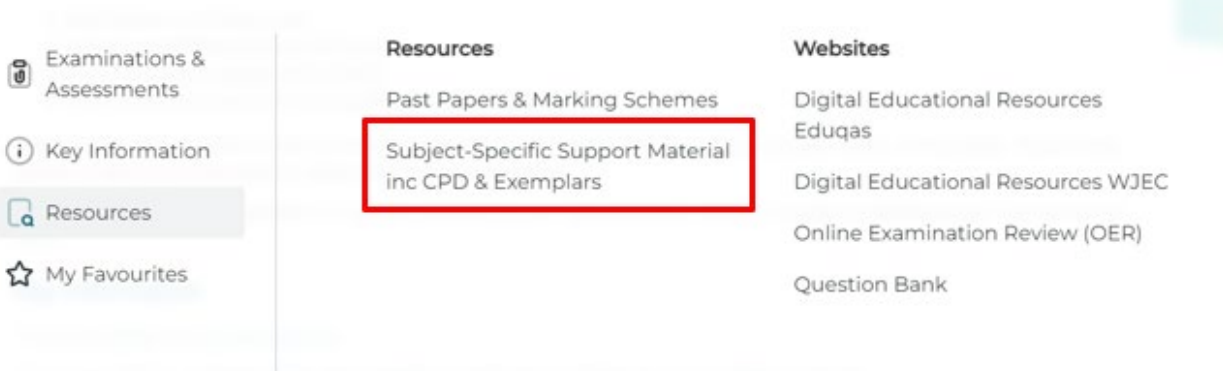
Non-Examination Assessment - Standardising Exemplar

A level English Literature NEA Standardising Exemplar

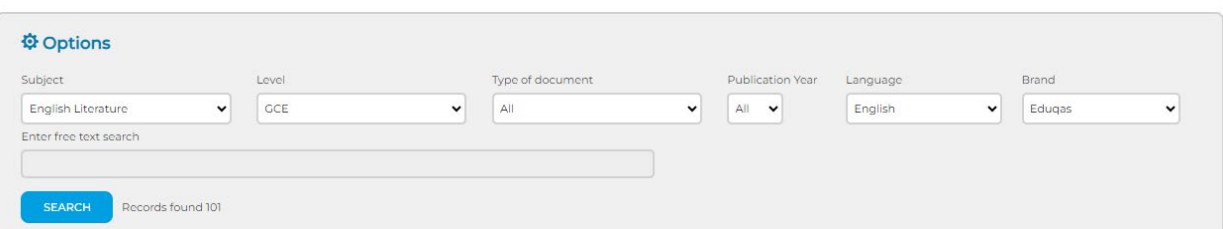
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 A level English Literature NEA Standardising Exemplar 3 Band 5.pdf

NEA standardising exemplars are available on [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 Eduqas brand in the 'Options' filters.



The screenshot shows the Eduqas Portal navigation menu. On the left, there are four main categories: 'Examinations & Assessments', 'Key Information', 'Resources', and 'My Favourites'. The 'Resources' category is currently selected. Under 'Resources', there are three sub-categories: 'Past Papers & Marking Schemes', 'Subject-Specific Support Material inc CPD & Exemplars' (which is highlighted with a red box), and 'Websites'. The 'Websites' category lists several resources: 'Digital Educational Resources Eduqas', 'Digital Educational Resources WJEC', 'Online Examination Review (OER)', and 'Question Bank'.



The screenshot shows the 'Options' section of the Eduqas Portal search interface. It includes several dropdown menus for filtering search results: 'Subject' (English Literature), 'Level' (GCE), 'Type of document' (All), 'Publication Year' (All), 'Language' (English), and 'Brand' (Eduqas). Below these filters is a search input field with the placeholder text 'Enter free text search'. A blue 'SEARCH' button is located below the input field, and it indicates that 'Records found 101'.



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

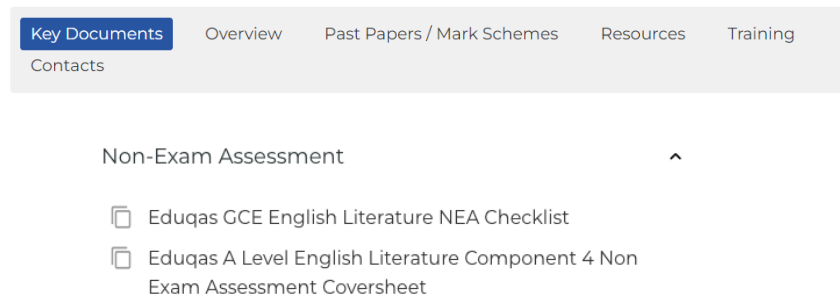
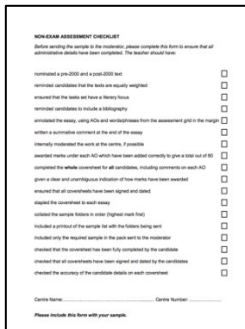
- Support centres in the assessment of the non-examination assessment (NEA).
- Exemplify marking standards rather than suggest 'model' approaches.

- Name
- 1. What can I do.docx
 - 2. NEA Prose Study Task Setting.pptx
 - 3. Teacher Plan Feedback.docx
 - 4. Teacher Paragraph Feedback.docx
 - 5. Peer Paragraph Feedback.docx
 - 6. Paragraph Self Assessment.docx
 - 7. First Draft Peer Assessment.docx
 - 8. Second Draft Peer Assessment.docx
 - 9. Third Draft Peer a...elf Assessment.docx
 - 10. Prose Study Feedback.docx
 - 11. Prose Study Feedback Example.docx
 - 12. Prose Essay Checklist.docx
 - Candidate example (...ck on paragraph).pdf
 - Candidate example (...ft peer feedback).pdf
 - NEA Resources Plan.docx

Further support material is also available on [Portal](#). This can be accessed by selecting 'Subject-Specific Support Material including CPD and Exemplars' on the 'Resources' tab and then selecting all relevant subject information. Remember to select the Eduqas brand in the 'Options' filters.

Non-Examination Assessment Guidance Documents

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



These documents include:

- **Non-Exam Assessment [Centre Checklist](#)** – checklist to aid centres in preparing the NEA sample for submission.
- **Non-Exam Assessment [Coversheet](#)** – the NEA coversheet must be completed for all candidates for each examination series.

Contact us

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