

Frequently Asked Questions

Is GCSE English Language co-teachable with any other WJEC qualification?

Yes, this qualification can be delivered through the same curriculum time as GCSE English Literature, and it can be taught as a one-year or two-year course.

Do you offer training for centres?

There is an annual professional learning series of face-to-face events and online webinars during the autumn and spring terms.

Is there any non-examination assessment (NEA) in the qualification?

Yes, Unit 1 is an internally assessed unit, where students need to complete two oracy tasks with their teachers. Task 1 is an individual researched presentation and Task 2 is a group discussion.

When should I do the NEA tasks with my students?

The NEA deadline for summer entry is 24 March and for autumn entry it is 5 November.

Can centres create their own NEA tasks?

Task 1 must be based on one of five broad themes (Wales, Leisure, The World of Work, The World of Science/Technology, Citizenship) where there is a degree of flexibility for students to negotiate focus with their teachers. Task 2 is based on one of three stimulus materials that are provided by WJEC in September for assessment the following summer and autumn.

How do I administer the NEA?

All guidelines on task setting and task taking are contained in the specification on pages 13-16.

What happens if a student goes over the time limit for the NEA?

Centres should observe the recommended time limits of 5-7 minutes for Task 1 and 10 minutes for Task 2. Wherever this is not possible, centres should contact the GCSE English team for advice.

What should I do if I need to request an extension to the NEA submission deadline?

Please email your request in the first instance to gcseenglish@wjec.co.uk.

How do I submit the marks for the NEA?

IAMIS (Internally Assessed Mark Input System) on the WJEC secure website will be available for the input of NEA marks a fortnight before the published deadline.

How do I choose the NEA sample?

As soon as all Unit 1 marks have been submitted, a Unit 1 sample will be automatically selected.

How do I access my NEA moderator report?

This will become available on the WJEC secure website on the day of publication of results of an exam series.

What should I do if one of my students needs to make access arrangements?

A wide range of arrangements are available – e.g. provision of reader, scribe, extra time etc. All applications for ‘access arrangements and reasonable adjustments’ should be processed using the online system ‘*Access Arrangements Online*’ (AAO) used by all JCQ awarding bodies. AAO can be accessed from the WJEC secure website.

How can I access exemplar that demonstrate the marking standards for this qualification?

This can be located on the OER (Online Exam Review) website for Units 2 and 3, and the WJEC secure website for annual exemplar material for all three units.

What resources are available to help me deliver this course?

A wide range of teaching and learning resources are accessible via the subject landing page on the public WJEC website.

Are there any re-sit opportunities for GCSE English Language qualification?

Yes, the qualification can be retaken in either the autumn exam series or the summer exam series.

Are there any textbooks to support the delivery of the new specifications?

There are a series of non-endorsed WJEC textbooks that are available from two separate publishers.

Where can I find sample assessment materials for the specification?

These can be located via the subject landing page on the public WJEC website.

If I have any more questions who do I contact?

The GCSE English Language team and the wider WJEC team will be happy to answer any queries you might have.

For administration queries please contact:

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