Welcome back. We hope you have had a good summer and are returning refreshed - and a special welcome to centres joining us this September for the first time.

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1. **Summer 2018 examinations**

GCSE results in English Language and English Literature were published in August. The papers and mark schemes are now available to view on our [secure website](https://www.e-duq-as.org.uk). 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:

![Past Papers & Marking Schemes](https://www.e-duq-as.org.uk)

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

![Dropdown menus](https://www.e-duq-as.org.uk)

Remember that 20 September is the last date for receipt of post-results reviews of marking and 27 September the deadline for the request of electronic copies of scripts for teaching and learning purposes. Please see our [website](https://www.e-duq-as.org.uk) for more details.
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 [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.

A guidance document on how to access the results analysis is available [here](#).

**Online Exam Review** 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 are available now for [GCSE English Language](#) and [GCSE English Literature](#).

3. Principal Examiners' reports

The Principal Examiners' reports for [GCSE English Language](#) and [GCSE English Literature](#) providing feedback on the Summer 2018 series 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. New resources

A wide range of free digital resources are available on the [Eduqas resources website](#). Items recently added include:

- **Narrative Writing**
  These resources suggest possible approaches to teaching narrative writing using a wide range of interactive, engaging activities. The resources can be used to prepare candidates for English Language Component 1 Section B and/or KS3 transition materials.

- **Approaches to 19th century texts in GCSE Literature and GCSE Language**
  These resources are designed to provide GCSE literature students with a greater understanding of the social, cultural, literary and historical context of the 19th century, while simultaneously challenging them to practise skills required for GCSE English Language.

- **GCSE English Language 19th, 20th and 21st Century texts**
  These resources suggest approaches to Reading skills for Components 1 and 2 using our interactive text tools. Tasks are structured around the four key Reading assessment objectives and help prepare pupils for Section A of Component 1 and Component 2.

- **Teaching GCSE English Language and English Literature as an integrated course**
  Co-teachability lesson ideas and activities.

- **Ways into Shakespeare**
  Using *Macbeth* as a starting point, this series of linked resources exemplifies techniques teachers may use to help students develop the essay writing skills assessed in the Shakespeare section in English Literature Component 1.

We have also updated the [teacher guides](#), making some of the sections available separately for ease of use. These may be found on the [resources website](#).
5. CPD Autumn 2018

WJEC Eduqas is providing a range of face-to-face support for its GCSE qualifications this autumn:

- **Assessment > classroom practice** – reviewing this summer’s assessment and preparing for the year ahead (November and December, across England)
- **Free online briefing** for teachers new to Eduqas (26 September)

To book your place or learn more, visit the training pages on the Eduqas website.

6. Spoken Language Component 3

Please note that centres are now required to send a spoken language statement to us for the November 2018 and June 2019 series 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 completed statement should be emailed to spokenlanguagestatement@eduqas.co.uk by the following dates:

November 2018 series: 5th November.
June 2019 series: 5th May.

For the November 2018 series the statement can be accessed [here](#).

7. Have you considered becoming an Examiner?

As the entry for Eduqas GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature 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.

8. Develop Eduqas GCSE skills through WJEC ELC English

The WJEC Entry Level Certificate in English has been redesigned 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 and the free training being offered this autumn may be found on the website. Please note that this qualification is available in both England and Wales.

9. Key dates

Key dates for the coming year have been posted on the Eduqas website:
- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
10. British Library resources for GCSE English

The British Library has a wide range of free resources for both GCSE English Literature and GCSE English Language. On the Discovering Literature website you’ll find resources on all sorts of Eduqas texts including Macbeth, The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, A Christmas Carol and An Inspector Calls. There are also teaching packs exploring key themes in 19th-century non-fiction – crime and punishment, gender, education, work and welfare.

The site now covers over a thousand years of English literature including Shakespeare and Romantic and 20th-century writers. There are original manuscripts of texts such as William Blake’s ‘London’ and vivid contextual sources to bring the works to life. You can read illustrated articles by experts such as David Crystal, or Daljit Nagra. There are videos shot in locations including Dicken’s London House or the Brontë Parsonage in Haworth. Or there are teaching resources to give you ideas for using the site in the classroom.

11. 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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