

## Newsletter January 2025

### GCSE Welsh Second Language, GCE-AS/A Level Welsh Second Language, Entry Pathways Welsh Second Language, Pathways Work Welsh, GCSE Core Cymraeg & Award Level 2 Additional Core Cymraeg.

We would like to wish you well at the start of a new year in your departments. In this newsletter you will find information to remind you exactly what we have on our subject pages, Portal and key dates in the coming months.

#### GCSE

**Speaking and listening assessment dates:** The dates for 2025 GCSE Welsh Second Language Non-Examination Assessments are as follows – Unit 1 (3020U10) **18, 19 and 20 March 2025**; Unit 2 (3020U20) **25, 26 and 27 March 2025**. Sample submission date on IAMIS Upload plus relevant paperwork: **5 May 2025**.

**A new look to Unit 2 papers:** In 2025 the Unit 2 papers will appear with a change to the usual formatting. Visit our subject page [GCSE Welsh Second Language \(wjec.co.uk\)](#) ‘Key Documents’ and ‘Oral Examination and Coursework Forms’ tabs to see an example of the new formatting design in our Oral Handbook.

**IAMIS Upload:** In 2025, centre assessed NEA moderation samples (Unit 1 3020U10 & Unit 2 3020U20) will be uploaded via IAMIS. Centres will be able to input marks and upload samples on the same system and will not need to wait for key codes. Please visit our subject page, ‘Key Documents’ and ‘Oral Examination and Coursework Forms’ tabs to see GCSE Welsh Second Language IAMIS Upload guidelines.

**Oral Handbook 2025:** Visit our subject page [GCSE Welsh Second Language \(wjec.co.uk\)](#) ‘Key Documents’ and ‘Oral Examination and Coursework Forms’ tabs to see a copy of the Oral Handbook.

Visit the secure website (Portal) to read the moderator’s report on the work of your centre’s units 1 and 2 in the summer 2024 series.

**Examination dates 2025:** Unit 3 (3020U30) – 14 May 2025 (am); Unit 4 (3020U40) – 2 June 2025 (am)

**Blended Learning Resources:** Visit our Digital Resources website on the WJEC website to find a series of blended learning lessons/resources based on Units 1-4 GCSE Welsh Second Language.

#### GCE - AS/A Level

**IAMIS Upload:** In 2025, centre assessed NEA moderation samples (Unit 2 2020U20) will be uploaded via IAMIS. Centres will be able to input marks and upload samples on the same system and will not need to wait for key codes.

**GCE Welsh Second Language Oral Examination Dates:** The 2025 dates for the GCE Welsh Second Language Oral Examinations are as follows – Unit 1 (2020U10) and Unit 4 (1020U40): **24 March – 9 May 2025**.

Date of submission of Unit 2 samples on IAMIS Upload together with relevant paperwork: **15 May 2025**.

Visit the secure website (Portal) to read the moderator’s report on the work of your centre’s Unit 2 in the summer 2024 series.

**Examination dates 2025:** Unit 3 (2020U30) – 21 May (pm); Unit 5 (1020U50) – 2 June (pm); Unit 6 (1020U60) – 12 June (am)

## ENTRY PATHWAYS WELSH SECOND LANGUAGE

**Feedback on summer 2024 series:** Visit Portal to find the feedback for Entry Pathways Welsh Second Language summer series 2024. This is a pre-recorded presentation.

**Resources:** Visit our Digital Resources website on the WJEC website to find resources based on the 5 units (6365;6366;6367;6368 and 6369 E2 and E3). [Resource WJEC Educational Resources Website](#)

**Summer 2025 series:** Samples of work together with the relevant paperwork must be submitted by **5 May** for the summer 2025 series on IAMIS Upload (same system as January 2025/summer 2024).

Remember to read the moderator's report on the work of your centre's units in the summer 2024 series in Portal (secure website).

## PATHWAYS WORK WELSH

**Feedback on summer 2024 series:** Visit Portal to find the feedback for Pathways Work Welsh summer series 2024. This is a pre-recorded presentation.

**Summer 2025 series:** Samples of work together with the relevant paperwork must be submitted by **5 May** for the summer 2025 series on IAMIS Upload (same system as January 2025/summer 2024).

Visit the secure website (Portal) to read the moderator's report on the work of your centre's Work Welsh units in the summer 2024 series.

## GCSEs MADE FOR WALES: GCSE CORE CYMRAEG & LEVEL 2 ADDITIONAL CORE CYMRAEG

The new specifications and sample assessment materials have been published for GCSE Core Cymraeg & Level 2 Additional Core Cymraeg [GCSE Core Cymraeg | Made for Wales](#); [Level 2 Additional Core Cymraeg | Made for Wales](#). Here are some key dates for your diaries including information on upcoming Professional Learning opportunities:

### Key dates:

Guidance for Teaching Published: 31 January 2025

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING EVENTS AND MATERIALS

PL Type	Aims	Format and Notes
<p>* <b>Preparing to Teach (face-to-face)</b></p> <p><b>Available from 14/02/25 to 07/04/25</b></p> <p><b>Registrations for the Pan Wales INSET days will be collected via your head teacher. No registrations through WJEC's website.</b></p>	<p><i>To support teaching the new specification. There will be a focus on understanding the assessments, assessment objectives, content and teaching approaches based on the specification, sample assessment materials and guidance for teaching.</i></p>	<p><i>These days take place on designated regional INSET days - there are 12 days in this series held across Wales, including 2 Welsh medium days and 1 bilingual day.</i></p> <p><i>These events will be led by WJEC Subject Advisors and our expert presenting teams.</i></p>
<p><b>Exam and NEA Walk-throughs</b></p> <p><b>Available summer Term 2025</b></p> <p><b>Access via the WJEC Portal secure website</b></p>	<p><i>To support you and your learners to understand the structure of question papers/NEA briefs, question types, assessment objectives and marking methods.</i></p>	<p><i>These pre-recorded PPT will initially be published on the WJEC Portal secure website only.</i></p>

\* Your designated regional WJEC face-to-face INSET date (Preparing to Teach) can be found here: [Made-for-Wales GCSEs \(wjec.co.uk\)](https://www.wjec.co.uk/made-for-wales/gcse)

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