

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 hope that you have had the opportunity to enjoy the summer holidays and are ready for a new term in your centres. We would like to wish you well at the start of a new academic year in your departments. In this newsletter you will find information to remind you exactly what we have on our subject pages and key dates in the coming year.

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 Surpass 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 \(wjec.co.uk\)](https://www.wjec.co.uk/subjects/welsh-second-language) ‘Key Documents’ and ‘Oral Examination and Coursework Forms’ tabs to see an example of the new formatting design.

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. More information will be provided via a circular in September.

Oral Handbook 2025: Visit our subject page [GCSE Welsh Second Language \(wjec.co.uk\)](https://www.wjec.co.uk/subjects/welsh-second-language) ‘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. More information will be provided via a circular in September.

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 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

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](#)

January 2025 series: Samples of work together with the relevant paperwork must be submitted by **12 December** for the January 2025 series on IAMIS Upload (same system as January/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

January 2025 series: Samples of work together with the relevant paperwork must be submitted by **12 December** for the January 2025 series on IAMIS Upload (same system as January/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.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

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. Learn more about how you and your learners can benefit from our Assessment Feedback Package here: [Assessment Feedback Package 2024-25 \(wjec.co.uk\)](#). You can download the most recent Principal Examiner Report and register for FREE, online feedback events on our qualification pages: [GCSE Welsh Second Language \(wjec.co.uk\)](#) ; [AS/A Level Welsh Second Language \(wjec.co.uk\)](#) ; [Entry Pathways Welsh Second Language \(wjec.co.uk\)](#) ; [Pathways Work Welsh \(wjec.co.uk\)](#)

GCSE

Join us in our live webinar: ‘GCSE Welsh Second Language Unit 1 – 4: Feedback on 2024 assessments’ (FREE)

Online, 2 October 2024, 15:30-17:00.

[Booking a place on the 2/10/24 event](#)

GCE

Join us in our live webinar: ‘GCE Welsh Second Language Unit 1 – 6: Feedback on 2024 assessments’ (FREE)

Online, 14 October 2024, 15:30-17:00.

[Booking a place on the 14/10/24 event](#)

ENTRY PATHWAYS WELSH SECOND LANGUAGE

****Please note: pre-recorded webinar only****

The webinar ‘Entry Pathways Welsh Second Language: ‘Feedback on 2024 assessments’ (pre-recorded) will be available on our subject page:

Beginning of October 2024 (FREE).

PATHWAYS WORK WELSH

****Please note: pre-recorded webinar only****

The webinar ‘Pathways Work Welsh: ‘Feedback on 2024 assessments’ (pre-recorded) will be available on our subject page:

Beginning of October 2024 (FREE).

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

We are excited to launch the new specifications for GCSE Core Cymraeg & Level 2 Additional Core Cymraeg. Here are some key dates for your diaries including information on upcoming Professional Learning opportunities:

Key dates:

Approved Specifications Published: 30 September 2024

Publication of Sample Assessment Materials: 19 December 2024

Guidance for Teaching Published: 31 January 2025

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING EVENTS AND MATERIALS

PL Type	Aims	Format and Notes
Your Guide to the new specification module Available from end of September 2024	<i>To support your understanding of the specification document.</i>	<i>This asynchronous module will be on the "training on demand" tab of your qualification page on the WJEC website. You will need to register to access a link to view.</i>
Parent / Options evening flyers Available from end of September 2024	<i>To support you to provide information to parents and learners before start of study.</i>	This PDF will be published on your qualification's home page.
Live Online Qualification Briefing & Q&A Available 2nd half autumn term 2024. Events are open for registration. Visit the <i>Training</i> tab on your new qualification's webpage to view dates and register. GCSE CORE CYMRAEG & LEVEL 2 ADDITIONAL CORE CYMRAEG: 7 November (15:30-17:00) 12 November (15:30-17:00)	<i>To support your understanding of the new qualification, its content and assessment structure. The live event will also refer to resources and upcoming PL and offer an opportunity to put questions to our Subject Teams and specification experts.</i>	<i>These live online events will be advertised on the WJEC website, and you will be required to register via a link. They will be hosted on Teams Live (Townhall).</i> <i>The events will be presented by WJEC Subject Advisors with Q&A support from WJEC Subject Officers. There will be English medium and Welsh medium events (except for English and Welsh qualifications).</i>
* Preparing to Teach (face-to-face) Available from 14/02/25 to 07/04/25 Registrations for the Pan Wales INSET days will be collected via your head teacher. No registrations through WJEC's website.	<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>	<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> <i>These events will be led by WJEC Subject Advisors and our expert presenting teams.</i>

<p>Exam and NEA Walk-throughs</p> <p>Available summer Term 2025</p> <p>Access via the WJEC Portal secure website</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>
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* 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-gcses)

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