

# Eduqas GCSE English Literature Resources Guide

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

## Subject webpage

The Eduqas GCSE English Literature [subject webpage](#) on the Eduqas website is the starting place for anyone teaching the specification and contains a range of official documentation relating to the qualification including the specification, sample assessment materials and past papers.

## Secure website

The [secure website](#) gives teachers access to past papers and marking schemes ahead of their publication on the public website as well as access to other resources such as Exam Results Analysis.

*For teachers to access the secure website, they will need a username and password, which can be set up by their Examinations Officer.*

## Online Exam Review

The [Online Exam Review website](#) hosts marked examination exemplar in an interactive digital format.

## Educational Resources

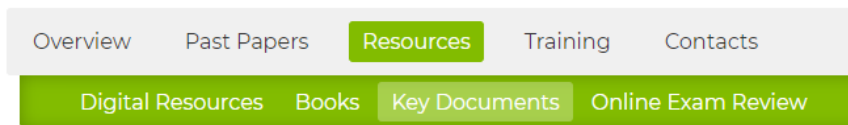
The [Educational Resources website](#) hosts free digital resources created by our dedicated team of subject experts and web developers to support the teaching and learning of Eduqas qualifications.

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## 1. Key Documents

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



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

Why switch to Eduqas?



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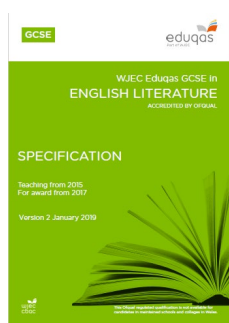


GCSE English Literature Specification

Sample Assessment Materials



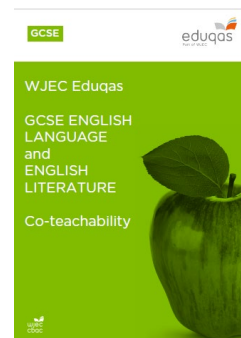
Below are direct links to some of the documents that you will need to get started teaching the qualification.



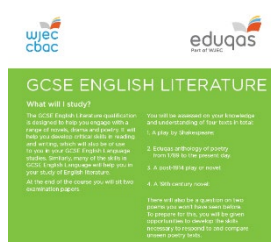
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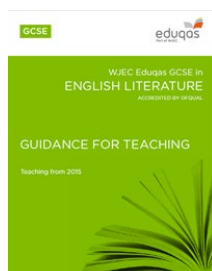
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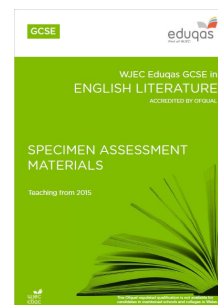
[Co-teachability guide](#)



[GCSE English Literature information leaflet](#)

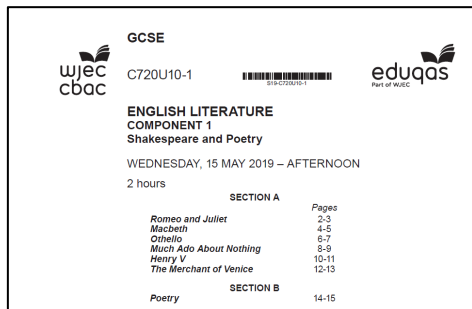


[GCSE English Literature Guidance for Teaching](#)



[Sample Assessment Materials](#)

## 2. Past Papers



**Question papers from past examination series are available for:**

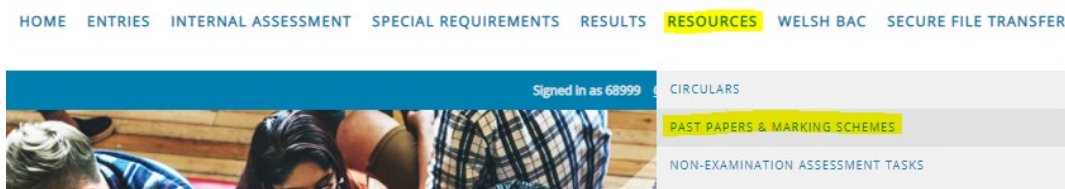
Component 1 – Shakespeare and Poetry

Component 2 – Post-1914 Prose/Drama, 19th Century Prose and Unseen Poetry

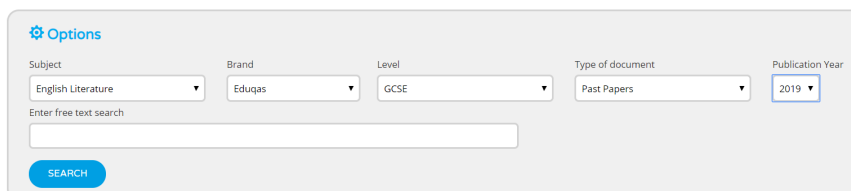
### Past papers on secure website (shortly after end of exam series)

Past papers are published initially on the [secure website](#) shortly after the end of the examination series.

To locate the past papers, select 'Past Papers & Marking Schemes' from the 'Resources' menu at the top of the screen:



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



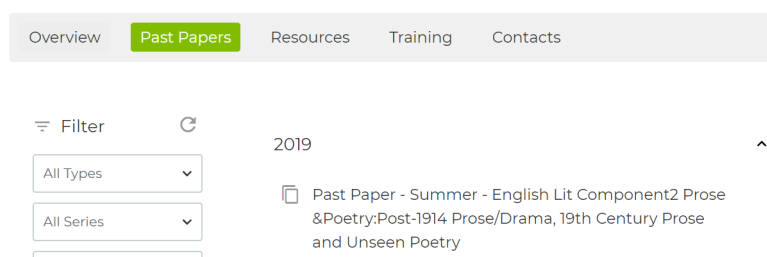
The screenshot shows the search filters on the secure website. The 'Options' section includes dropdown menus for 'Subject' (English Literature), 'Brand' (Eduqas), 'Level' (GCSE), 'Type of document' (Past Papers), and 'Publication Year' (2019). There is also a 'SEARCH' button and a 'Free text search' input field.

### Past papers on public website (from six months after Results day)

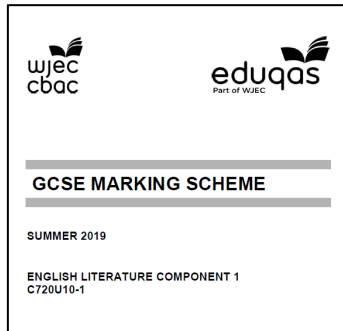
Past papers are published on the public website approximately six months after results for a series have been issued:

Series	Past Papers on public website
June series	1 March
November series	1 August
January series	1 October

They can be accessed on the [subject webpage](#) under the [Past Papers](#) tab.



### 3. Marking Schemes

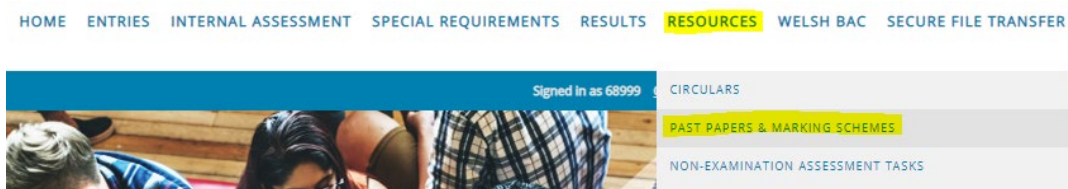


**Marking schemes** are available to accompany question papers from past examination series, providing instructions on how to apply the marking criteria, examples of indicative content, and assessment grids articulating the banded descriptors for different levels of responses.

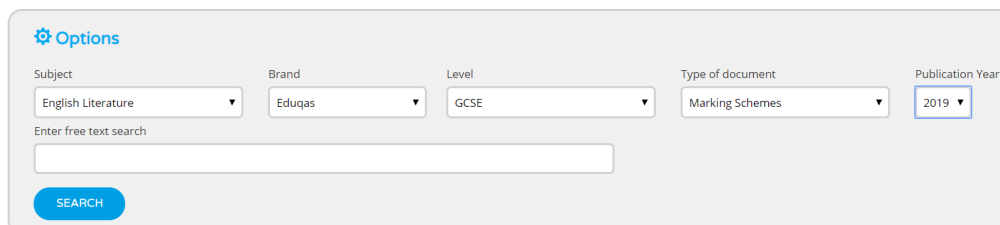
#### Marking schemes on secure website (from Results day)

Marking schemes are published initially on the [secure website](#) on Results day for the examination series.

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

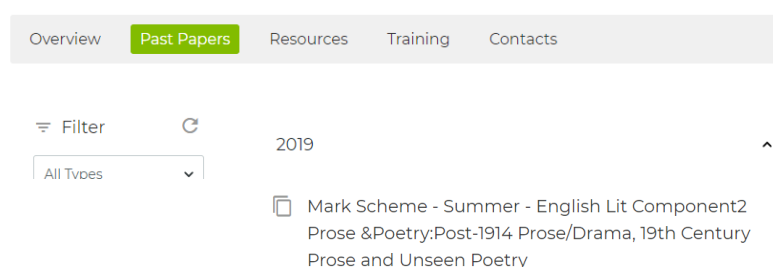


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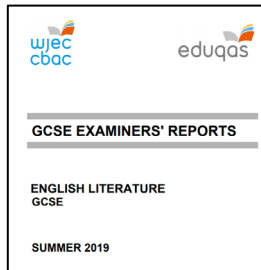
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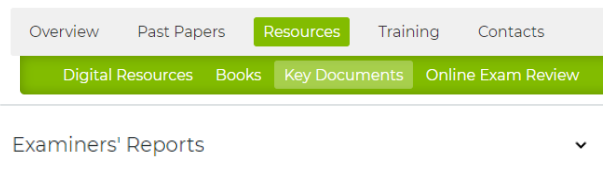


## 4. Examiners' Reports



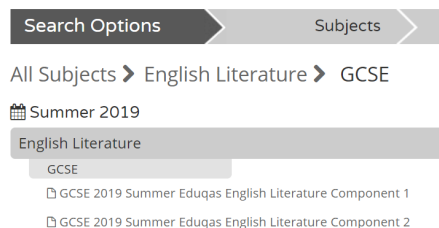
The Principal Examiners' reports provide helpful observations and commentary on candidates' performance across the examined series.

They are published on Results day for each series and are available on the [subject webpage](#) under [Resources > Key Documents](#).



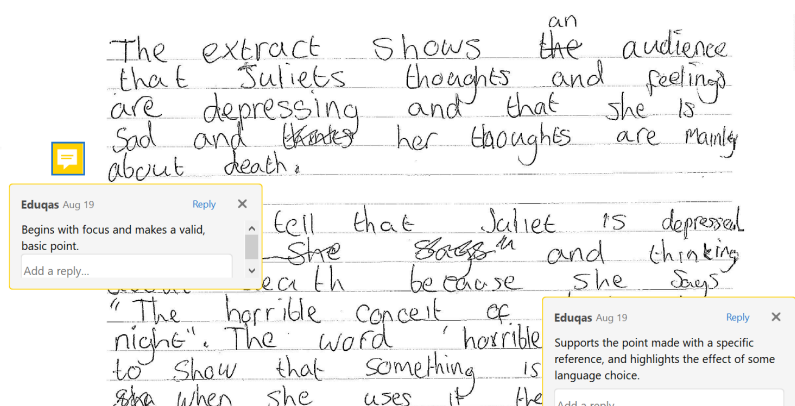
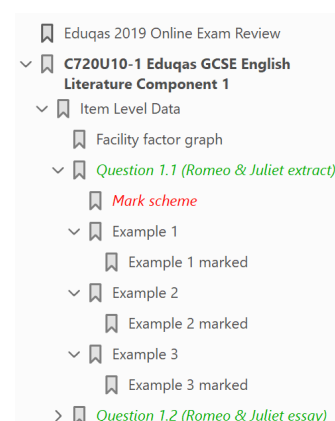
## 5. Online Exam Review (Marked Exemplar)

### Search Results



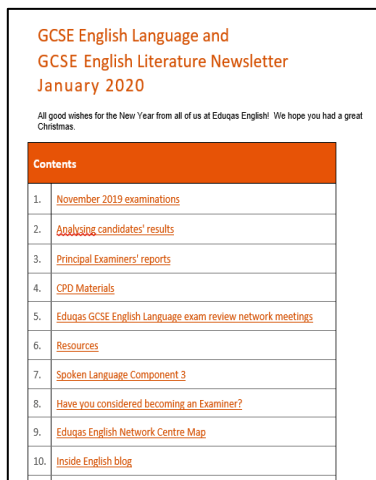
A set of [Online Exam Review](#) material for each exam component is published providing a number of clean and marked exemplars of candidate responses to key questions from previous examinations. These allow students to review others' responses and discuss ways in which they may be improved, thus developing their own skills.

These materials are available on our [Online Exam Review](#) website and are made available shortly after results are issued for each series.



**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 in order to fully access the exemplar material. Copies of candidate responses 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.**

## 6. Newsletters

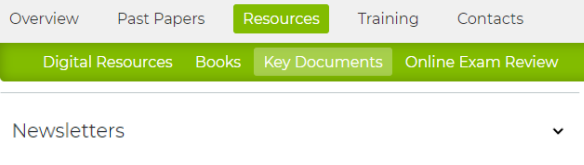


Click the [Subscribe for updates](#) button on the right-hand side of the [subject webpage](#) to sign up for email updates about the qualification, including the termly subject-specific newsletters published each September, January and April.

Get the latest subject updates

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

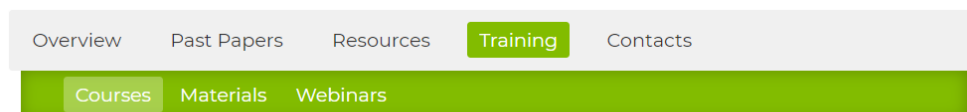


## 7. CPD Materials

### Annual CPD programme

Eduqas offers an annual programme of CPD training 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 > Courses](#).



### Upcoming Professional Learning Events

Eduqas GCSE English Literature: Autumn 2020 Assessment Review  
Online - 02 February 2021 16:00

[> More info...](#)

### Materials from past CPD events



Materials from CPD training events held in previous years are available on the [subject webpage](#) and can be accessed by selecting [Training > Materials](#).



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

<b>Autumn 2019</b>	<b>Assessment &gt; classroom practice</b> – review the recent summer assessment series, explore examples of marked candidate responses and consider how feedback on assessments can inform teaching and learning.
<b>Autumn 2018</b>	<b>Assessment &gt; classroom practice</b> – reviewing the summer's assessment and preparing for the year ahead
<b>Autumn 2017</b>	<b>Preparing to Teach</b> – training for those new to teaching the Eduqas GCSE English Literature specification <b>Assessment &gt; classroom practice</b> – reviewing the summer's assessment and preparing for the year ahead
<b>Autumn 2016</b>	<b>Classroom practice</b> – considering approaches to teaching the specification, using resources available to support teaching and learning.

## 8. Educational Resources

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

### Co-teachability support



[This resource](#) will help teachers deliver Eduqas GCSE English Language and English Literature as an integrated course. It contains course plans, lesson ideas and activities and an explanation of the many points of cross-over between the two specifications.

### Suggested course plans



[This resource](#) offers suggested course plans for integrated language and literature courses and English over one year.

## Ways into Shakespeare



This [series of resources](#), using Macbeth as a starting point, exemplifies techniques teachers may use to help students develop the essay writing skills assessed in the Shakespeare section in Component 1.

## Using contexts effectively in response to poetry



A [set of resources](#) to support the teaching of AO3 (context) in the poetry anthology. The resources look at the sort of relevant contextual details that are required through a series of interactive exercises and longer writing tasks.

## Approaches to 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Approaches to unseen poetry



[These resources](#) look at how to approach the unseen poetry section in the exam. It allows candidates to study the question stems and access past poems that have been used on the examination.

## Knowledge organisers

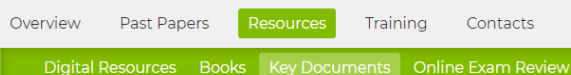


A bank of [sample knowledge organisers](#) to support the learning of GCSE English Literature. These could be used for revision or as a starting point for creating your own knowledge organisers.



## 9. Grade Boundaries and Exam Results Analysis

### Grade boundaries

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



## Grade Boundaries

-  GCSE Grade Boundaries 2019
-  GCSE Grade Boundaries 2018

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

### Eduqas GCSE (Single Award) Grade Points – June 2018

Subject Code/Component	Subject Name/Component Name	Maximum Mark	Weighting Factor	9	8	7
C720QS	ENGLISH LITERATURE	200		159	146	134
Component 1	Shakespeare and Poetry	80	1.0000	59	53	48
Component 2		120	1.0000	100	93	86

## Exam Results Analysis

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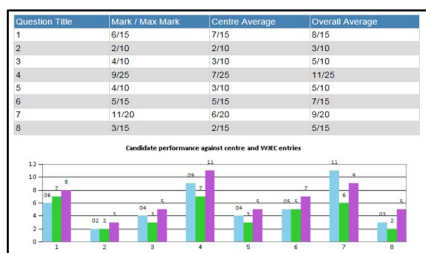
VIEW/PRINT CANDIDATE RESULTS (SLIPS)  
VIEW/PRINT SUMMARY OF SUBJECT RESULTS  
VIEW/PRINT CUMULATIVE RESULTS (SLIPS)  
VIEW/PRINT CASH-IN PROFILE  
VIEW/PRINT COMPONENT MARKS (LINEAR)  
VIEW/PRINT COMPONENT MARKS  
VIEW/PRINT GRADE BOUNDARIES  
VIEW/PRINT CENTRE PERFORMANCE  
VIEW/PRINT ITEM LEVEL DATA

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 the [secure website](#) 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.

A detailed guide to using the Exam Results Analysis facility is available on the [subject webpage](#) under [Resources > Key Documents](#).



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## 10. Key Dates

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

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### Important Dates for 2019-2020

10 October 2019	Summer 2020 Series: Preliminary entries to Eduqas.
7 November 2019	CPD training: Start of 2019-2020 face-to-face training events. Events take place across England between 7 November and 11 December. Book your place <a href="#">here</a> .
21 February 2020	Summer 2020 Series: Last date for receipt of entries.
18 March 2020	Summer 2020 Series: Last date for entry amendments without late fees.

### Key Information



GCSE English Language Key Dates 2019-2020

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. Poetry Anthology

### Eduqas GCSE English Literature Poetry Anthology

WJEC Eduqas GCSE Poetry Anthology

#### Sonnet 43

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.  
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height  
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight  
For the ends of being and Ideal Grace.  
I love thee to the level of every day's  
Most quiet need, by sun and candlelight.  
I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;  
I love thee purely, as they turn from Love.  
I love thee with the passion put to use  
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.  
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose  
With my lost saints – I love thee with the breath,  
Smiles, tears, of all my life – and, if God choose,  
I shall but love thee better after death.

ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING

Centres teaching Eduqas GCSE English Literature are able to request free copies of the poetry anthology for classroom use by candidates.

To request copies for your centre, please send an email containing your centre number, centre name and number of copies required to [poetryanthology@eduqas.co.uk](mailto:poetryanthology@eduqas.co.uk).

### Poetry Anthology Resources



A [set of resources](#) to support the teaching and learning of a selection of the poems from the anthology. The resources are designed to be used alongside the specified poems when preparing students for Component 1.

## Contact us

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Our subject team is happy to help you with all your queries related to the teaching and learning of Eduqas GCSE English Literature. Our Subject Officers are experienced teachers and are here to support you with delivering our qualifications.