

Autumn Newsletter 2024

GCSE and GCE French, German and Spanish

Welcome back to the new Academic Year 2024/25.

The Modern Foreign Languages Team at WJEC Eduqas welcomes everyone to the new academic year. Hopefully there has been the opportunity to recharge the batteries ready for the new term and we thank everyone in education for their hard work and support during the last academic year.

We at Eduqas would like to remind everyone that we are here to provide support to teachers and learners. Please take a few moments to browse the newsletter for useful information and reminders.

NEA Key Dates

The Assessment Window for conducting GCSE and GCE Speaking Examinations will run from Tuesday 1st April until Tuesday 6th May 2025. The [exam timetables](#) for the 2025 summer series are also now available on the WJEC website.

Analysing candidates' results

Assessment Feedback Package

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](#).

Exam Results Analysis

In addition to this, you can still access the Exam Results Analysis to help you understand your students' results and develop their exam skills. 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.

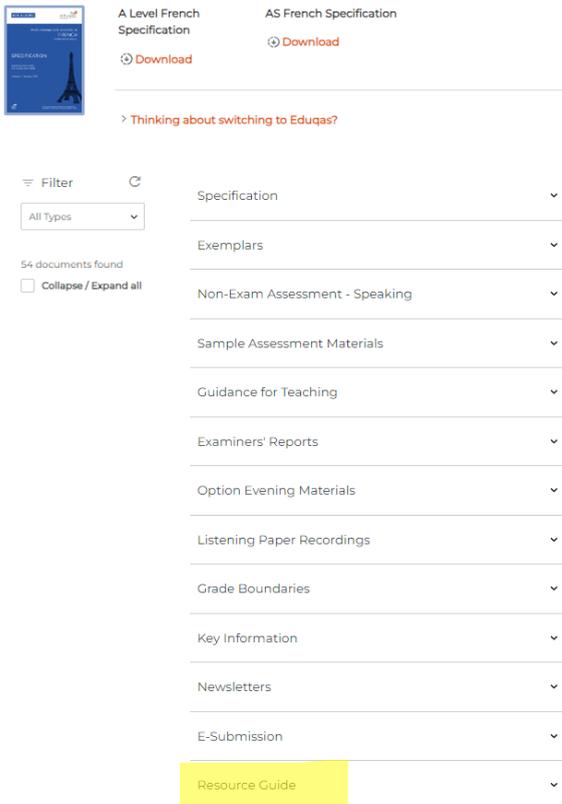
Free Access to Candidate Scripts

This year, Schools and colleges who deliver our qualifications will now be able to access candidates' marked scripts from Results Day via our [Secure Website](#). These will be available for all external assessments for Summer 2024, including all GCSEs, AS, A level and Vocational Qualifications. Each script will be available as a PDF and will include the marks and any comments made by our trained examiners to help you review the performance of your learners. These can also be useful classroom aids, to show current learners strengths and common pitfalls that they should consider in future assessments.

Resources for Teaching and Learning

Resource Guides

Please take a look at our Resource Guides that are available on each of the subject pages for French, German and Spanish;



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These guides take you through how to access key resources on the different WJEC websites and systems.

Digital Resources Website

The Digital Resources Website brings together a wide variety of useful teaching and learning resources. Click on the **Resources** link available on each of the WJEC website subject pages for GCSE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#) and GCE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#).

Exam Walk Throughs

Exam Walk Throughs (EWTs) are a free resource for both GCSE and GCE. These comprise visual and audio PowerPoint guides to the exams, put together by our experts. They are designed with the learner in mind to be used independently as part of remote or blended learning. Equally, teachers might find it useful to use as a group activity in class.

Teaching and Learning Guides

Teaching and Learning Guides are resources that continue to be available, produced by our experts as a suggested approach for using our online resources for teachers of French, German or Spanish. The aim is to provide flexible comprehensive support for teachers.

Exemplar candidate work

Exemplar candidate work is available on the 'Exemplar' tab of the subject pages of the website along with the marks and examiner feedback, leading you through a review of the exam questions. They will also include guidance on how examiner comments can be removed so that the materials can also be used as a teaching resource.

Professional Learning programme 2024/25

Our expert-led professional learning programme for 2024/25 is now live. Our training opportunities will provide all the support you need to enhance your teaching and successfully deliver our qualifications.

With both paid face-to-face and free online courses available, find a convenient course for you here: [Professional Learning](#).

Book your place NOW to avoid disappointment.

In addition, there will be asynchronous resources published on our website giving feedback on the summer 2024 assessment.

GCSE French, German and Spanish – 9th October 2024.

GCE French, German and Spanish – 4th November 2024.

Access to past papers, mp3 files and mark schemes

Here is a reminder how to access the materials for Eduqas MFL GCSE/GCE on the secure website:

Log on to the [WJEC Secure Website](#). At the top of the screen click on the 'Resources' drop-down menu and select 'Past Papers and Marking Schemes'. This will take you to a filter page. Please select the following:

- Subject French / German / Spanish
- Brand Eduqas
- Level GCSE / GCE
- Type of document All
- Year All
- Language English

Access to the secure website is given by Exams Officers as they are the primary account holders for centres. Papers and mark schemes are stored on the secure website for 12 months after the end of an exam series before being released onto the public website.

If you are having difficulty accessing Portal – for example, if you have forgotten your password – this Portal [FAQs page](#) will be helpful.

GCSE (9-1) Modern Foreign Language qualifications discontinuation

As announced in April 2024, we have made the difficult decision to discontinue our suite of Modern Foreign Language GCSE (9-1) MFL qualifications in French, German and Spanish. It is important to note that our AS and A level suite of MFL qualifications will remain in place for the future.

Our commitment to centres

This decision is specific to GCSE (9-1) French, German and Spanish; we remain committed to providing GCSE, A level and Vocational qualifications to our centres across England.

This renewed focus will enable us to further strengthen and broaden our overall range of high-quality qualifications, whilst continuing to provide teachers with specialist support, first-class professional training, and an unbeatable range of free resources.

Final Assessment – ensuring no student is disadvantaged

The final assessment opportunity for our suite of GCSE (9-1) MFL qualifications will be summer 2025. This date will ensure that all learners who began a two-year programme of learning in September 2023 will have an opportunity to complete their course and take examinations in their chosen subject(s).

Our priority is to ensure that no student is disadvantaged. With this in mind, we will be offering a resit opportunity in 2026 for any learners who have already sat one or more of these qualifications in 2023 or 2024.

Additional resource for A level MFL qualifications

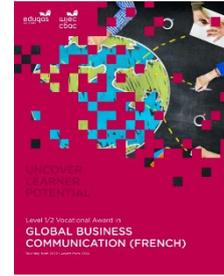
We have allocated significant resource to supporting our A level suite of MFL qualifications. We will be better placed to support our centres in the delivery of this suite of qualifications through the development of new resources and training opportunities.

It should be re-emphasised that this decision to discontinue the MFL qualifications relates **only** to the three **GCSE** (9-1) MFL qualifications noted above. It has no impact on the present or future availability of the A level MFL qualifications offered by Eduqas, and there is no requirement for learners following one of our A level qualifications to have previously studied the subject with Eduqas at GCSE.

Vocational Language Qualifications

Global Business Communication

The *new* revised qualification in Global Business Communication has been launched for first teaching in September 2022. Please see our [website](#) for full details including specification and Sample assessment materials.



GBC New Specification - Professional Learning

A pre-recorded feedback presentation for the 2024 summer series will be available in the *Training>On Demand Courses* area of the GBC [French](#), [German](#) and [Spanish](#) websites from November.

GBC French/German/Spanish new specification NEA units

The Unit 1 Assessment Pack is now extended to include submission in September 2025. The publishing dates for all future NEA units will now be the same, we hope making things easier and more transparent for centres.

The following new NEA units will be published and available for centres to download from the [Portal](#) as follows:

GBC MFL NEA UNIT	Publishing Date
Unit 2	1 st March 2025
Unit 3	1 st March 2025

These will be for submission from summer 2026.

From 2025, centre assessed NEA moderation samples will be uploaded via IAMIS and not Surpass (GBC Units 1, 2 and 3). 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.

Language Pathways

These qualifications offer learners the opportunity to get formal recognition for their language learning. Students produce evidence to demonstrate their language competence from a choice of three different themes which is internally assessed and externally moderated.

Available in a range of levels (Entry Level, Level 1 and Level 2) and languages:

- French
- German
- Spanish
- Italian
- Mandarin
- Japanese
- Cornish

Candidates can be entered at two points to claim their units of competence. Entries for the winter series close on the 21st October and on the 21st February for the summer series. Please see the [key dates](#) document for more detail.

For more information please see our webpage [Language Pathways](#) or contact Karl Sage languages@wjec.co.uk

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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