



## April Newsletter 2023

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Welcome back after the Easter break!

The Modern Foreign Languages Team at WJEC hope that you have had a chance to recharge your batteries and enjoy some spring sunshine! As we begin the busy summer term, we thought we would share some things with you. Please take a few moments to browse the newsletter for useful information and reminders.

### Key dates for 2023

The Assessment Window for conducting GCSE and GCE Speaking Examinations runs from **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**. Centres are reminded to upload their recordings to Surpass within 2 working days of completing the speaking exams.

The upload/submission deadline for Vocational Languages (Language Pathways and GBC) is **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. Please take a few moments when uploading work to check that everything required is being submitted. This will ensure candidates' work can be sampled and moderated smoothly at this very busy time.

The window for conducting GBC speaking assessments will run from the **1<sup>st</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> May**. The tasks will be available for download from the secure website from the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

## GCSE

### MFL speaking assessments

#### Information for centres accessing set allocations for candidates

Whether you are a teacher examiner or have a visiting examiner to conduct the speaking assessments, please remember to complete all paperwork for upload to WJEC:

- for GCSE; the [MFL Centre Form](#) and the Allocation of Set List
- for GCE; the [MFL Centre Form](#)

The paperwork covers authentication of candidate's work, GDPR requirements, a record of any candidate extra-time (officially granted) and allows examiners to check which examining materials were issued and used for each candidate. This information is vital for the smooth running and marking of the speaking assessment.

## Component 1 guidance documents

We advise centres to download the [GCSE Component 1 Teacher Guidance](#) and to complete the checklist at the end of the document.

Following the speaking assessment, the [MFL Centre Form](#) must be signed and dated by each candidate and the teacher. Both the **MFL Centre Form** and the **set allocation list** must be scanned and uploaded to the Surpass site after the final assessment has taken place. An additional teacher/administrator key code is provided for this. Several forms can be uploaded using the same key code if the list needs to be copied for different teaching groups or teachers.

The Component 1 exam papers can be accessed **three working days** before the date of your first exam, however they must be kept securely at the end of each day.

## Malpractice in speaking exams – important feedback for teachers

Awarding Organisations (AQA, CCEA, OCR, Pearson and WJEC) are under a regulatory obligation to take all reasonable steps to prevent malpractice. The JCQ Malpractice Group was therefore tasked with reviewing the type of issues encountered during the summer 2022 series in order that preventative action could be taken by the appropriate JCQ group. Below are the findings of the group:

The majority of the issues identified are maladministration and are in the following proportions:

- Interlocutor prompting - 5%
- Maladministration with recording - 15%
- Mis-delivery of speaking assessment - 80%

Some examples of what these issues relate to are as follows:

Interlocutor prompting including:

- interlocutor whispering individual words/phases, often subconsciously
- interlocutor providing prompts

Maladministration with recording including:

- recording not continuous
- recording inaudible
- poor recording due to noise interference
- recording finished early

Mis-delivery of speaking assessment including:

- interlocutor failed to follow prescribed structure/script
- interlocutor failed to use randomisation grids/vary topics
- candidates permitted to choose topic (where not permitted)
- candidates given too much preparation time
- candidates permitted access to notes (where not permitted)
- interlocutor changed/paraphrased questions (meaning candidates could not access full marks available)



We understand at WJEC Eduqas colleagues want to get things right and avoid falling foul of any regulations. Therefore, if you have any questions, doubts or worries regarding delivery of the speaking assessments, the languages team will be glad to help you, contact us at: [languages@eduqas.co.uk](mailto:languages@eduqas.co.uk)

## Component 2 Listening exams

Centres are reminded that there is an option to download mp3 tracks from the secure website for listening exams. Please call **029 2026 5154** one working day before the date of the exam to receive the download code; this also applies to recordings for candidates who have been awarded 25% extra time.

## GCSE French, Spanish and German 2024

If you haven't taken a look at our plans yet you can visit our [website](#) to find out everything you need to know. The website hosts the latest information including updates, our qualification timeline and information about training and resources to support you.

A draft specification and sample assessment materials are available to download now.

## Eduqas teams up with centre for excellence to develop new GCSEs in Modern Foreign Languages

Our Languages team has worked collaboratively with *The National Centre for Excellence for Language Pedagogy (NCELP)* to support our reformed suite of GCSEs in French, German and Spanish. Designed to be engaging and accessible for learners, our new GCSEs will feature word lists developed by experts at NCELP for use in our reformed exams and assessments.

Please read the [full article](#) on our website.

## AS and A level

### Speaking assessments

For the AS and A level Component 1 Speaking assessments there are some useful documents available in the 'NEA speaking' sections of the [website](#) subject pages. These include;

- [MFL Centre Form](#)
- [Eduqas A level IRP Pro Forma](#)
- [Preparing Learners for Component 1 A level Eduqas](#)
- [Eduqas AS Component 1 instructions for teacher examiners](#)

Following the speaking assessment, the [MFL Centre Form](#) must be signed and dated by each candidate and the teacher. The **MFL Centre Form** and the **IRP Pro Forma** must be scanned and uploaded to the Surpass site after the final assessment has taken place. An additional teacher/administrator key code is provided for this. Several forms can be uploaded using the same key code if the list needs to be copied for different teaching groups or teachers.

The AS Component 1 teacher conducted exam papers can be accessed **three working days** before the date of your first exam, however they must be kept securely at the end of each day.



## AS and A level Component 2 Listening exams

Centres are reminded that there is an option to download mp3 tracks from the secure website for listening exams. Please call **029 2026 5336** one working day before the date of the exam to receive the download code.

## Revision Support for Candidates

There are a range of digital resources available on the **Resources** tabs on the Eduqas website subject pages for GCSE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#) and GCE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#).

**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** 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** 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.

## Access to past papers, mp3 files and mark schemes

Here is a reminder how to access the materials for Wales 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 bring up an options box, please choose the following:

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|------------------|---------------------------|
| Subject          | French / German / Spanish |
| Brand            | WJEC / Eduqas             |
| level            | GCSE/ GCE                 |
| Type of Document | All                       |
| Year             | All                       |
| Language         | English                   |

<https://www.wjecservices.co.uk/resourcessearch.asp>

## Vocational Language Qualifications

### Global Business Communication

The \*new\* revised qualification in Global Business Communication for first teaching in September 2022 is now up and running. Please see our website for full details including specification and Sample assessment materials. [Global Business Communication Webpage](#)



### GBC - Professional Learning

We have held some free online CPD events this year; 'Ask the Subject Team – GBC' and also 'Next Steps'. These were opportunities for teachers who are starting to teach the new specification to ask questions about the course. The recordings of these will be available on the 'Training' > '[On Demand Webinars](#)' section of the website.

### GBC Summer Series 2023 – Speaking Assessments

The window for conducting GBC speaking assessments will run from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> May. The tasks will be available for download from the [secure website](#) from the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

### GBC NEA Submissions

Centres are reminded that the deadline for the submission of marks onto IAMIS for all NEA work is the 5<sup>th</sup> May. Please refer to the [Internal Assessment Mark Input System step by step guide](#) for further information. Once IAMIS has generated a candidate sample list, work will need to be uploaded onto the [Surpass](#) system.

## 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**



## Language Pathways Training and Support

In October we ran a [training and support webinar](#) looking at task design, assessing and exemplar materials. This is now available to watch and download in the [Training>On Demand Webinars](#) area of the website.

## Language Pathways Summer Series 2023

The deadline to upload all candidate marks for Language Pathways onto IAMIS is the 5<sup>th</sup> May; centres are reminded that they must upload the candidate work, a task sheet and the candidate declaration form for each candidate selected in the sample (those candidates showing 's' next to their names). Failure to do so will mean that the work cannot be moderated. Please refer to the [Internal Assessment Mark Input System step by step guide](#) for further information.

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

## Contact Us

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