

January Newsletter 2025

GCSE and GCE French, German and Spanish

Happy New Year! We hope that you have enjoyed a restful Christmas break, and that you feel refreshed and ready for the term ahead. Please take the time to read through this newsletter, as it contains useful and important information to support you through this busy Spring period.

Staff Changes in the Languages Team

We would like to announce some **changes to our languages team** here at WJEC Eduqas.

Three of our much valued, long-serving colleagues have recently moved on to other things. Karl Sage (Subject Officer) retired over Christmas, while Claire Bellamy (Subject Officer) and Candice Dempster (Subject Support Officer) have taken up other roles within the WJEC. I am sure you will join with us in wishing them the very best of luck in their future endeavours.

In January, we welcomed two new Subject Officers to the team. Angharad Williams is our new Subject Officer for A-Level French, vocational qualifications and Latin. She has worked as a Head of Department and held multiple WJEC roles, including senior examiner, specification development writer and reviewer.

Kelly Gipson will be taking over the role of Subject Officer for GCSE French. Kelly has been working with us as a full-time Subject Adviser since September 2023 and has previously been a Head of Faculty and a Senior Lecturer at UWTSD.

We are delighted to have them on board and look forward to working together.

Further details about the team, and how to contact us, can be found at the end of this newsletter.

GCSE (9-1) Modern Foreign Language qualifications discontinuation

As announced in April 2024, the difficult decision has been made to **discontinue** our suite of Modern Foreign Language GCSE (9-1) MFL qualifications in French, German and Spanish. The final assessment opportunity for these specifications will be Summer 2025. Our AS and A level suite of MFL qualifications, however, will remain in place for the future.

GCSE and AS/A-Level MFL – Speaking NEA

Speaking window dates for 2025

The speaking window for both GCE and GCSE will run from Tuesday 1st April – Tuesday 6th May 2025. Please note that these dates include the Easter break.

Important reminder for speaking assessments: MFL Centre Forms and Allocation of Set Lists

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 the Surpass system:

- for **GCSE**; the [MFL Centre Form](#) and the Allocation of Set List
- for **AS/A level**; the [MFL Centre Form](#)

The paperwork covers the authentication of candidates' work, GDPR requirements, and a record of any extra-time (officially granted). It also 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.**

Guidance for Teachers

Please refer to the relevant speaking guidance documents (links below), for instructions about how to administer the assessment:

[GCSE Component 1 - Instructions for Teacher-Examiners](#)

[AS Component 1 - Instructions for Teacher-Examiners](#)

Audio Visual Assessment Materials for 24/25 onwards

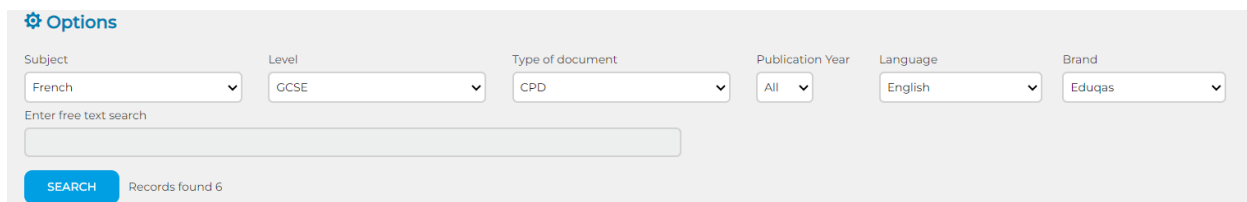
Please note that, effective from the Summer 2025 exam series, we will no longer be sending CDs to centres for assessments with audio content. This material will be available as an MP3 resource only, via [Portal](#).

Feedback from Summer Assessments - 2024

We remain committed to supporting you to develop your teaching practice. An important aspect of this is to provide you with our review of the previous series: what went well for learners, and where improvements can be made.

To that end, pre-recorded assessment feedback materials from the 2024 Autumn CPD programme for both GCSE and A-level are available on [Portal](#).

To find them, navigate to 'All Services' > 'Resources,' and then to 'Subject-Specific Support Materials including CPD.' Make the following selections (inserting the relevant subject and level) to view CPD materials from all previous series, including pre-recorded assessment feedback from Summer 2024:



The screenshot shows a search filter interface titled "Options". It features several dropdown menus: "Subject" (set to "French"), "Level" (set to "GCSE"), "Type of document" (set to "CPD"), "Publication Year" (set to "All"), "Language" (set to "English"), and "Brand" (set to "Eduqas"). Below these is a text input field labeled "Enter free text search" and a blue "SEARCH" button. To the right of the button, it says "Records found 6".

Exam Results Analysis (also via Portal) may also be useful; under the 'Results' tab, click on 'View/Print Item Level Data' or 'View/Print Centre Performance' to review comparable data.

[Resources for Teaching and Learning](#)

Our digital resources can be accessed via the '**Resources**' tab on the Eduqas subject pages for GCSE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#) and GCE [French](#) / [German](#) / [Spanish](#). These include:

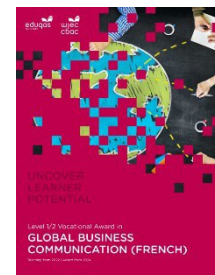
- [Exam Walk Throughs \(EWTs\)](#)
- [Knowledge organisers](#)
- [Teaching and Learning Guides](#)

Exemplar candidate work (up to 2023) can be found under the 'Exemplar' tab of the website subject pages. From 2024, exemplars are available on [Portal](#) only.

Vocational Language Qualifications

Global Business Communication

This qualification offers an opportunity for students to learn languages in a relevant work context. Please see our website for full details including specification and sample assessment materials. [Global Business Communication Webpage](#)



GBC NEA – Units 1, 2 and 3

The candidate and assessor packs for the above NEA Units are available for download from the Secure [Portal](#). The Global Business Communication qualifications are unitised qualifications with non-examination assessment briefs that change every other year.

Centres should therefore enter candidates for moderation in the year in which they complete the assessment.

To ensure that centres are not disadvantaged, we have taken a decision to extend the validity of the current Unit 1, 2 and 3 Candidate and Assessor Packs to include the summer 2026 series. The current Candidate and Assessor packs available on the secure website are therefore valid for the following assessment series:

Candidate Pack	Published	For submission in:
Unit 1	2022	Summer 2023 Summer 2024 Summer 2025 Summer 2026
Unit 2 and 3	2023	Summer 2024 Summer 2025 Summer 2026

Online Mock Examinations

Mock online exams are available for all centres entering for Unit 4 GBC in 2025. Please contact E-Assessment@wjec.co.uk for details.

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

Cornish

German

Mandarin

Spanish

Japanese

Italian

For centres entering candidates for the Language Pathways certificates, please remember to upload the following items for each candidate selected in the IAMIS sample;

- [Candidate declaration form](#)
- Task sheet
- Candidate work

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

Next newsletter:

The next issue will be sent out after the Easter break. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please get in touch: languages@eduqas.co.uk.

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