

Eduqas GCE English Language and Literature Resource Guide

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

Subject webpage

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

Portal

[Portal](#) is a secure area for centres to access resources. These include past papers and marking schemes (ahead of their publication on the public website), as well as access to CPD materials.

For teachers to access Portal, they will need a username and password. This will be set up by their Examinations Officer.

Answers to frequently asked questions about Portal can be found [here](#).

Online Exam Review

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

Educational Resources

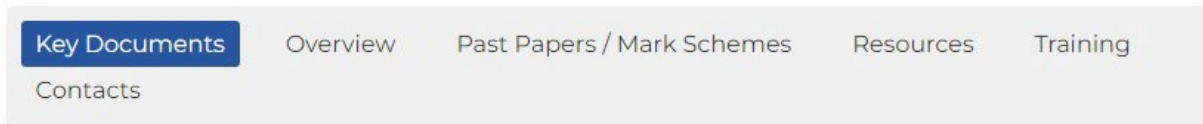
The [Educational Resources website](#) hosts free digital resources created by our dedicated team of subject experts and web developers to support the teaching and learning of Eduqas qualifications.

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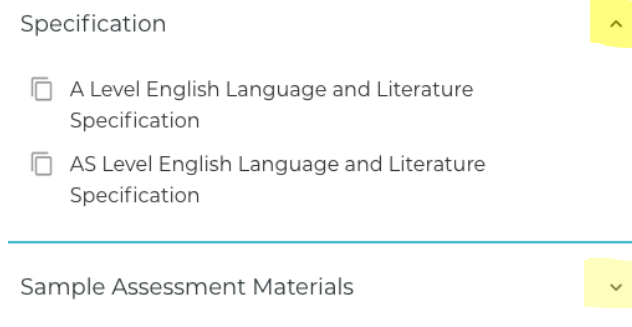
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1. Key Documents

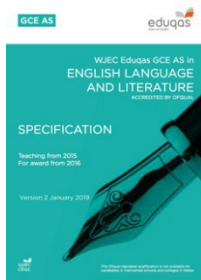
A list of Key Documents is available on the [subject webpage](#) of the Eduqas website and is available by selecting [Key Documents](#).



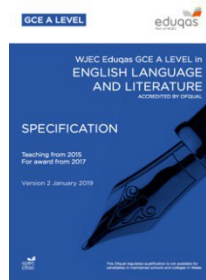
The documents are arranged in categories, and the documents in each category can be viewed by clicking the downward arrow alongside the category name.



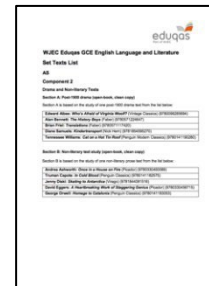
Below are direct links to some of the documents that you will need to get started teaching the qualification.



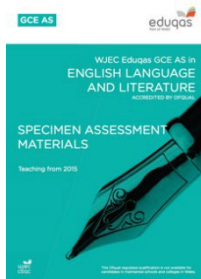
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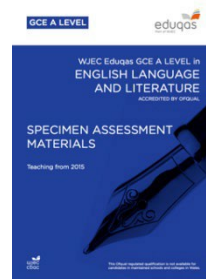
[Eduqas GCE A Level English Language and Literature Specification](#)



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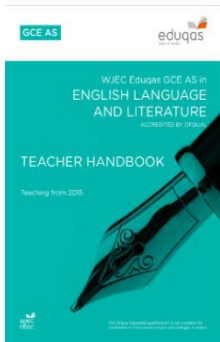
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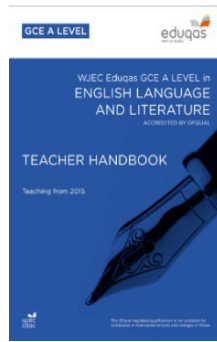
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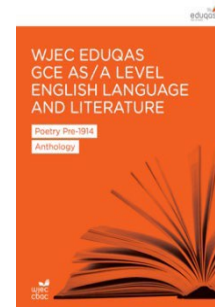
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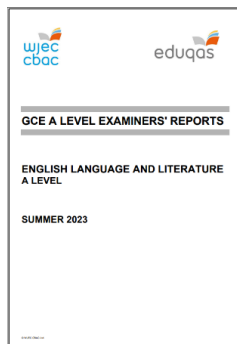
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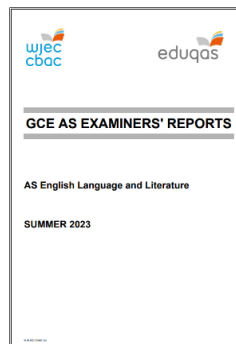
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[Eduqas GCE English Language and Literature: Poetry Pre-1914 Anthology](#)



[Principal Examiners' Report A-Level \(2023\)](#)



[Principal Examiner's Report AS \(2023\)](#)

2. Past Papers

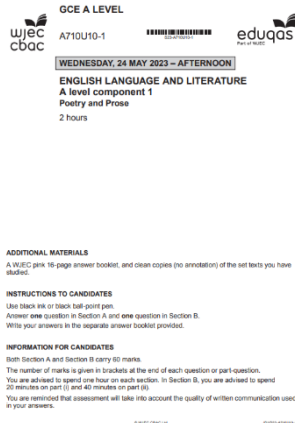
Question papers from past examination series are available for:

AS

- Component 1 – Comparative Analysis and Creative Writing
- Component 2 – Drama and Non-Literary Texts

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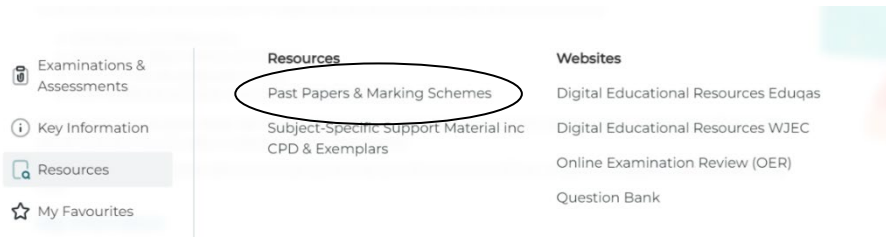
- Component 1 – Poetry and Prose
- Component 2 – Drama
- Component 3 – Non-Literary Texts



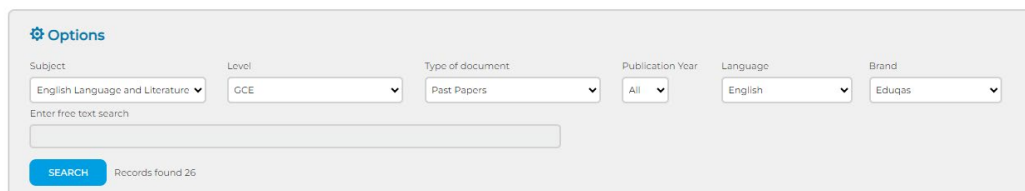
Past papers on Portal (shortly after end of exam series)

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

To locate the past papers, select 'Past Papers & Marking Schemes' from the 'Resources' menu on the left-hand side of the screen:



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



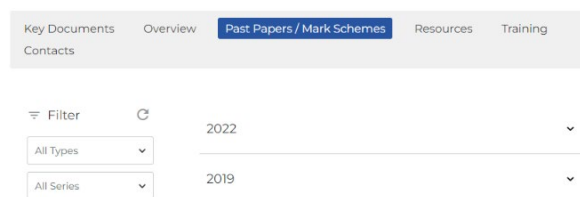
Past papers on public website (up to twelve months after Results Day)

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

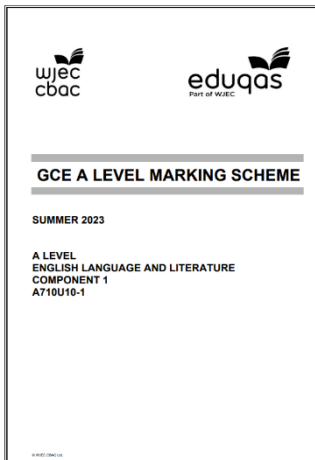
Series	Past Papers on public website
June Series	1-31 st July (of the following year)

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

In addition to the Past Papers, we also have a further [example paper available for Component 3](#). This can be accessed on the [subject webpage](#) by selecting [Key Documents > Exemplar Questions](#).



3. Marking Schemes

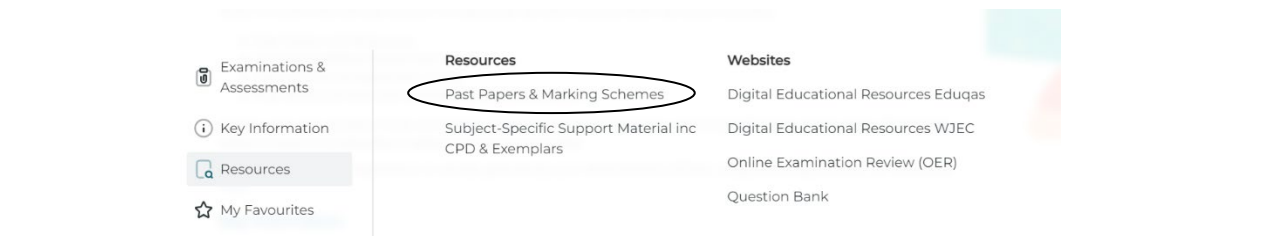


Marking schemes are available to accompany question papers from past examination series, providing instructions on how to apply the marking criteria, examples of indicative content, and assessment grids articulating the banded descriptors for different levels of responses.

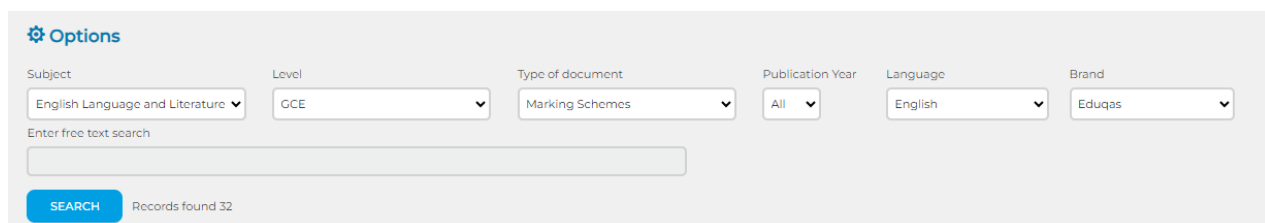
Marking schemes on Portal (from Results Day)

Marking schemes are published initially on [Portal](#) 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:

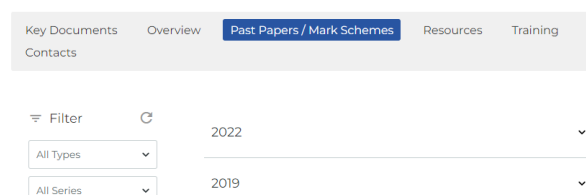


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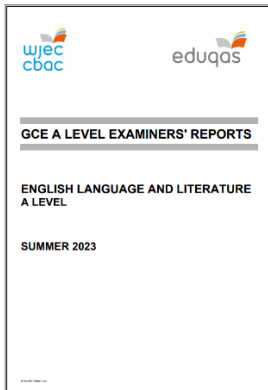
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June series	1-31 st July (of the following year)

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



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 [Key Documents > Examiners' Reports](#)

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5. Exemplar Materials

Exemplar materials can currently be accessed via the Online Exam Review (OER) site and subject webpages (see below for details).

Please note that, **from Summer 2024 onwards, new exemplar materials will be made available on Portal only.**

Online Exam Review (OER)

Q Search Results

Search Options Subjects Keywo

All Subjects > English Language and Literature > GCE

Summer 2022

English Language and Literature

GCE

A Level Summer 2022 Eduqas English Language and Literature Component 1

A Level Summer 2022 Eduqas English Language and Literature Component 2

Eduqas 2022 Online Exam Review

A Level English Language and Literature Component 2

Item Level Data

Facility factor graph

Section A

Mark scheme

Example 1

Example 1 marked

Until Summer 2022, a set of [Online Exam Review](#) material for each exam component was published. These materials, which are still available online, include both clean and marked exemplars of candidate responses to key questions from previous examinations.

The OER materials can be used with students, to encourage them to review others' responses and discuss ways in which they may be improved, thus developing their own skills.

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 to fully access the material.

Subject webpage

Clean copies of candidate responses and marked versions 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.

Exemplars

2023 Annotated Exemplar

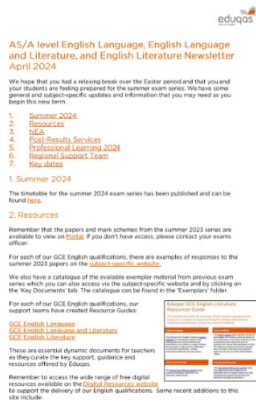
2022 Annotated Exemplar

2019 Annotated Exemplar

2018 Annotated Exemplar

2017 Annotated Exemplar

6. Newsletters



AS/A level English Language, English Language and Literature, and English Literature Newsletter April 2024

We hope that you had a relaxing break over the Easter period and that you and your students are feeling prepared for the summer exam series. We have some general and subject-specific updates and information that you may need as you begin this new term.

1. Summer 2024
2. Resources
3. SQA
4. Post-Results Services
5. Technical Learning 2024
6. Regional Support Team
7. Site alerts

1. Summer 2024

The timetable for the summer 2024 exam series has been published and can be found [here](#).

2. Resources

Remember that the papers and mark schemes from the summer 2023 series are available to view on [ExamS](#). If you don't have access, please contact your exams officer.

For each of our GCE English qualifications, there are examples of responses to the summer 2023 papers on the [subject-specific website](#).

We also have a catalogue of the available exemplar material from previous exam series which you can also access via the subject-specific website and by clicking on the Key Documents tab. The catalogue can be found in the [Transition](#) folder.

For each of our GCE English qualifications, our support teams have created Resource Guides:

- [GCE English Language](#)
- [GCE English Language and Literature](#)
- [GCE English Literature](#)

These are essential dynamic documents for teachers as they contain the key support, guidance and resources offered by Eduqas.

Remember to access the wide range of free digital resources available on the [Digital Resources section](#) to support the delivery of our English qualifications. Some recent additions to this site include:

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

+ Subscribe for updates

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

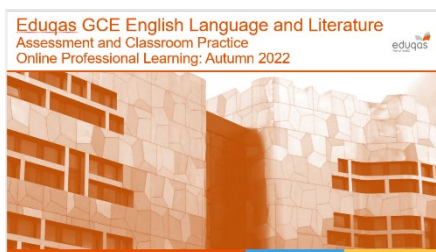
7. CPD/Professional Learning Materials

Annual Professional Learning programme

Eduqas offers an annual programme of professional learning 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 > Upcoming Courses](#).

Materials from past CPD events



Pre-recorded courses


CPD materials from some previous course/unit-specific training can be found on the English Literature webpage, under [Materials from previous events](#).

Other sessions from previous years are available on [Portal](#). These can be accessed by selecting 'Resources', and then 'Subject Specific Materials including CPD.'

Autumn 2022	Assessment > classroom practice – reviewing the summer's assessment series and preparing for the year ahead.
Autumn 2019	Assessment > classroom practice – reviewing the summer's assessment series and preparing for the year ahead.
Autumn 2018	Assessment > classroom practice – reviewing the summer's assessment and preparing for the year ahead.
Autumn 2017	Assessment > classroom practice – reviewing the summer's assessment and preparing for the year ahead.

On-Demand Courses

Other CPD training materials can be accessed by selecting [Training > On-Demand Courses](#). The images below link to courses currently on offer:

	  TEACHING THE NOVEL
  Teaching Grammar in the English Classroom	  Using Cognitive Acceleration in the English Classroom

8. Educational Resources

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

GCE Language and Literature: Exam Walk Through



This [Exam Walk Through](#) resource offers practical hints and tips on how to effectively approach questions in the examination paper.

GCE English Language and Literature: Knowledge Organisers



These [knowledge organisers](#) support the learning of GCE English Language & Literature.

They could be used for revision or as a starting point for creating your own knowledge organisers.

Essay Writing Skills



These [interactive activities](#) take you through how to write an organised and well-structured essay.

From introductions to conclusions and everything in between, this resource can be used in the classroom or at home to consolidate teaching.

Literary and Linguistic Terminology



These [interactive activities](#) are designed to aid students in becoming familiar with literary and linguistic terminology.

They may be used as a supplementary aid in the classroom, as a revision tool, or by students working independently on mobile devices.

9. Grade Boundaries and Exam Results Analysis

Grade Boundaries

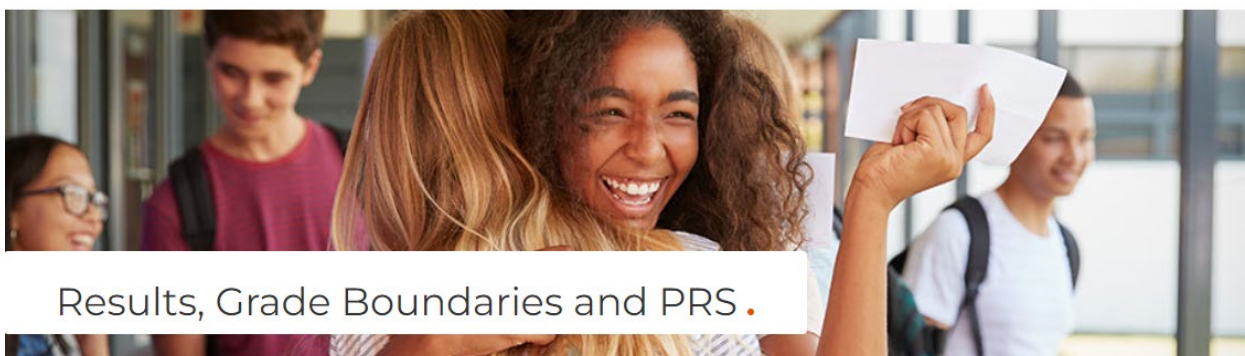
Grade boundaries from past examination series are available on the [subject webpage](#).

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Grade Boundaries

Grade boundaries are the minimum number of marks needed to achieve each grade.

If you click on 'Grade Boundaries' this will take you to [administration > Results, Grade Boundaries and PRS](#).



Results, Grade Boundaries and PRS .

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

Grade Boundaries

[A Level Grade Points November 2020](#)

[AS Grade Points November 2020](#)

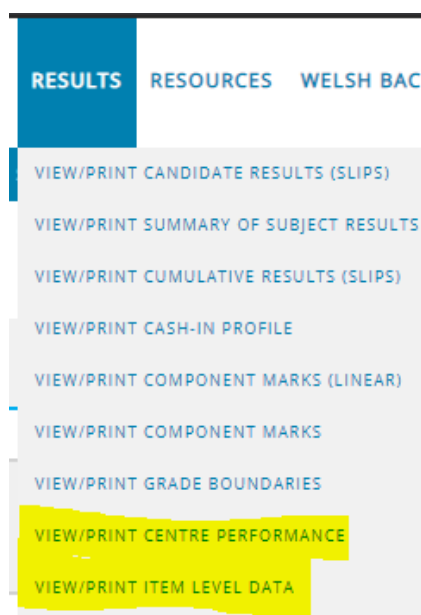
[A Level Grade Points June 2019](#)

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

Eduqas GCE A Level Grade Points – November 2020

Subj. Code/ Component	Subject Name/Component Name	Maximum Mark	Weighting Factor	A*	A	B	C	D	E
A720QS	ENGLISH LITERATURE	320		240	207	172	138	104	70
Component 1	Poetry	120	1.0000	90	79	66	53	40	27
Component 2	Drama	120	1.0000	95	81	68	55	42	29
Component 3	Unseen Texts	80	1.0000	55	47	38	30	22	14
Component 4	Prose Study	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Exam Results Analysis



RESULTS RESOURCES WELSH BAC

- 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 [Portal](#), 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.

10. Key Dates

GCE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Important Dates for 2023-2024	
21 February	Summer 2024 Series: Last date for receipt of entries
18 March	Summer 2024 Series: Last date for entry amendments without late fees
1 April	WJEC Internal Assessment Mark Input System (IAMIS) open for submission of NEA marks
15 May	Summer 2024 Series: Final deadline for submission of NEA sample to moderator
16 May AM	Summer 2024 Series: AS English Language and Literature Component 1 Examination
24 May AM	Summer 2024 Series: AS English Language and Literature Component 2 Examination
24 May AM	Summer 2024 Series: A Level English Language and Literature Component 5 Examination
5 June AM	Summer 2024 Series: A Level English Language and Literature Component 2 Examination
14 June PM	Summer 2024 Series: A Level English Language and Literature Component 3 Examination
15 August	AS/A Level Results Day

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

Key Documents

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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. Non-Examination Assessment

There are a number of documents to aid centres in administering the non-examination assessment on the [subject webpage](#) under [Key Documents > Non-Exam Assessment](#)

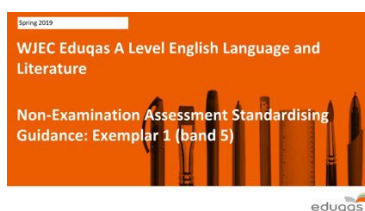
These documents include:

- **Non-Exam Assessment Folder [Coversheet](#)** – should be completed for all candidates, not just for those candidates selected for the sample to be sent to the moderator.
- **Non-Exam Assessment [Centre Checklist](#)** – checklist to aid centres in preparing the NEA sample for submission.
- **Managing AI – [Guidance for Centres](#)**

Non-Examination Assessment - CPD

We also provide [online CPD](#) to support the delivery and assessment of the Eduqas GCE English Language and Literature NEA. The purpose of the materials is to:

- Offer guidance to teachers when preparing and assessing Section A of the Non-Examinations Assessment task.
- Provide materials to support teachers in their marking and understanding of the expectations of the NEA task.
- Exemplify marking standards rather than suggesting 'model' approaches.



These materials must **NOT** be shared with candidates.

12. Contact us:

✉ gceenglish@eduqas.co.uk

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