

WJEC GCSE History Newsletter, January 2025

Happy New Year to you all! We're pleased to introduce Ruby Flux, our new Subject Support Officer for History.

We hope you find the information in this newsletter helpful as you plan for the remainder of the academic year. Thank you for your continued dedication, and we look forward to supporting you in the months ahead.

Summer Examinations 2025

A copy of the full timetable can be found [here](#).

Unit 1 Studies in Depth - Wales and the wider perspective 1hr	Friday 16th May 2025 (morning)
Unit 2 Studies in Depth - History with a European/world focus 1hr	Thursday 5th June 2025 (morning)
Unit 3 Thematic Studies from a broad historical perspective 1hr 15m	Tuesday 10th June 2025 (afternoon)

Unit 4: Working as an Historian/NEA Submissions

A full list of key dates can be found [here](#).

Marks will need to be submitted via IAMIS. Mark input screens for submitting June 2025 centre assessed marks **open** Monday **10th March 2025**. The moderator needs to receive the sample by no later than **5th May 2025**.

Details of your moderator are generally available on the WJEC Portal secure website in the April of each year. Do not assume that your moderator will be the same every year. All resources relating to the administration of the NEA can be found [here](#).

Together with the sample work, you should send the moderator a separate file containing:

- the H1 form (even though the marks have been presented electronically)
- the H2 authentication form for each candidate within the sample
- copies of the exercises, including source packs and mark scheme if they have been contextualised
- any further information the moderator needs to know (for example if you have made a substitution to the selected sample)

A reminder that new proposals need to be submitted for the period 2025-2027, the proposal form must be submitted electronically to the WJEC subject support officer at least six weeks before the centre intends to begin the NEA unit. A reminder that the NEA must be from a content area not studied in the rest of the specification.

Professional Learning

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, as well as a range of optional paid face-to-face Professional Learning events. Learn more about how you and your learners can benefit from our Assessment Feedback Package here: [Assessment Feedback Package 2024-25 \(wjec.co.uk\)](https://www.wjec.co.uk/assessment-feedback-package-2024-25).

GCSE Resources

Please do visit the [Digital Resources Website](#) to access a range of resources that can be used to support both learning and teaching of History GCSE in the classroom or as part of a blended/flipped learning programme.

New Made for Wales GCSE History

The new GCSE History specification has now been officially launched, providing an updated framework for teaching and assessment. The approved specifications were released on 30th September, offering a detailed guide to the revised content and objectives. In November, online Q&A events were held in both English and Welsh, giving teachers the opportunity to ask questions and clarify aspects of the changes.

To further support planning and preparation, the Specimen Assessment Materials (SAMs) were made available on 19th December, offering practical examples of the new assessment format. The Guidance for Teaching will be available from January 2025. This comprehensive guidance will provide more detail than currently available and will include Schemes of Work tailored to support teachers in each option.

A range of bilingual digital resources, available in both Welsh and English, will begin rolling out in late Autumn 2024, with full access by June 2025. These resources will include interactive blended learning units, knowledge organisers, and editable activities designed to enhance teaching and learning.

To further support educators, a series of face-to-face Pan-Wales INSET days will take place between February and April. These sessions will focus on understanding assessments, assessment objectives, content, and teaching approaches based on the specification, assessment materials, and Guidance for Teaching. The events will be led by the WJEC History Subject Advisor alongside our expert presenting teams.

- [Approved Specifications](#) Published: 30th September 2024
- Publication of Sample Assessment Materials: 19th December 2024
- Guidance for Teaching Published: 31st January 2025

Professional Learning Events and Materials

PL Type	Aims	Format and Notes
<p>* Preparing to Teach (face-to-face)</p> <p>Available from 14/02/25 to 07/04/25</p> <p>Registrations for the Pan Wales INSET days will be collected via your head teacher. No registrations through WJEC's website.</p>	<p>To support teaching the new specification. There will be a focus on understanding the assessments, assessment objectives, content and teaching approaches based on the specification, sample assessment materials and guidance for teaching.</p>	<p>These days take place on designated regional INSET days - there are 12 days in this series held across Wales, including 2 Welsh medium days and 1 bilingual day.</p> <p>These events will be led by WJEC Subject Advisors and our expert presenting teams.</p>
<p>Exam and NEA Walk-throughs</p> <p>Available summer Term 2025</p> <p>Access via the WJEC Portal secure website</p>	<p>To support you and your learners to understand the structure of question papers/NEA briefs, question types, assessment objectives and marking methods.</p>	<p>These pre-recorded PPT will initially be published on the WJEC Portal secure website only.</p>

* Your designated regional WJEC face-to-face INSET date (Preparing to Teach) can be found here: [Made-for-Wales GCSEs \(wjec.co.uk\)](#)

Entry Pathways – Humanities

Entry Pathways Humanities is a qualification that allows learners to achieve credit for their work across units drawn from **History**, Geography and Religious Studies, with assessment criteria designed to complement the WJEC GCSE qualifications in these subjects. Centres can select units that are drawn from one or more of these subjects to allow candidates who may not be able to display a successful outcome at GCSE to achieve an Award, Certificate or Diploma in Humanities at Entry Level 2 or Entry Level 3. Further information about the Entry Pathway Humanities qualification can be found [here](#).

Good luck with the forthcoming term, please do get in touch if we can assist you in any way.

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