

WJEC GCE English Literature Resources Guide

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

Subject webpage

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

Secure website

The [secure website](#) gives teachers access to past papers and marking schemes ahead of their publication on the public website as well as access to other resources such as the NEA standardising videos .

For teachers to access the secure website, they will need a username and password, which can be set up by their Examinations Officer.

Online Exam Review

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

Educational Resources

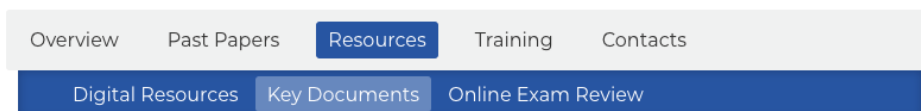
The [Educational Resources website](#) hosts free digital resources created by our dedicated team of subject experts and web developers to support the teaching and learning of WJEC qualifications.

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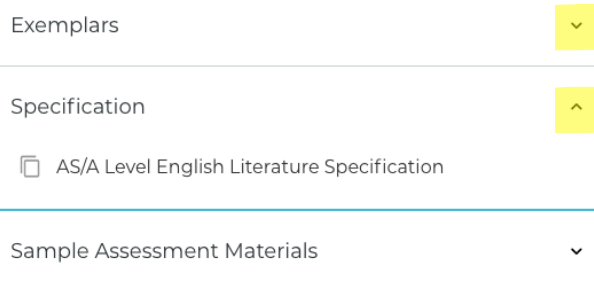
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1. Key Documents

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



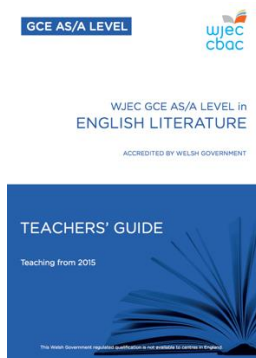
The documents are arranged in categories, and the documents in each category can be viewed by clicking the downward arrow alongside the category name.



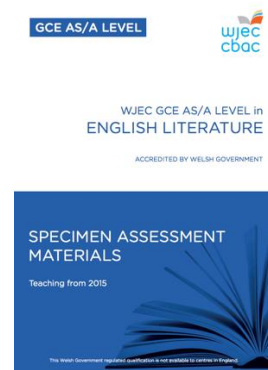
Below are direct links to some of the documents that you will need to get started teaching the qualification.



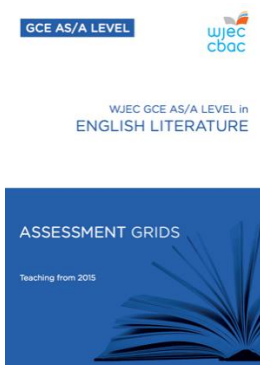
[GCE English Literature Specification](#)



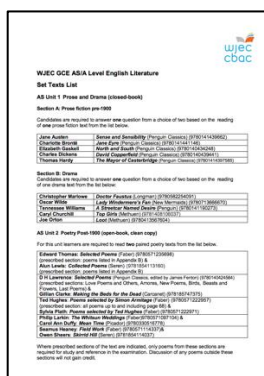
[GCE English Literature Guidance for Teaching](#)



[GCE English Literature Sample Assessment Materials](#)



[GCE English Literature Assessment Grids](#)



[GCE English Literature Set Texts List](#)

2. Past Papers



Question papers from past examination series are available for:

AS

Unit 1 – Prose and Drama (closed-book).

Unit 2 – Poetry Post-1900 (open-book, clean copy).

A2

Unit 3 – Poetry Pre-1900 and Unseen Poetry (open-book, clean copy).

Unit 4 – Shakespeare (closed book).

Past papers on secure website (shortly after end of exam series)

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

To locate the past papers, select 'Past Papers & Marking Schemes' from the 'Resources' menu at the top of the screen:



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

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Subject: Level: Type of document: Publication Year: Language: Brand:

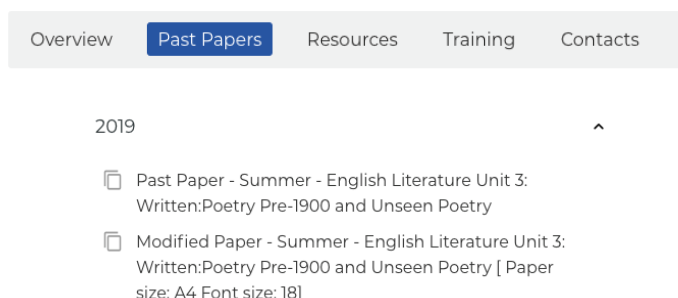
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Past papers on public website (from six months after Results day)

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

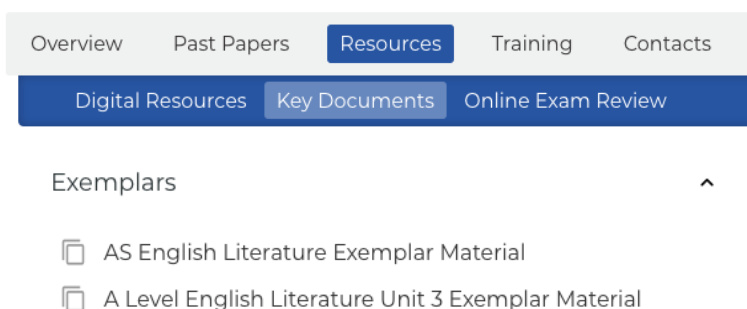
Series	Past Papers on public website
June series	1 March

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

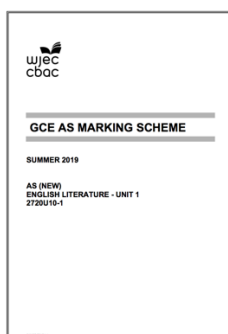


In addition to the Past Papers, we also have extra annotated responses based on the SAMs available for Unit 3.

These can be accessed on the subject webpage by selecting [Resources > Key Documents](#).



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 secure website (from Results day)

Marking schemes are published initially on the [secure website](#) on Results day for the examination series.

To locate the marking schemes, select 'Past Papers & Marking Schemes' from the 'Resources' menu at the top of the screen:



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

Options

Subject: English Literature Level: GCE Type of document: Marking Schemes Publication Year: All Language: English Brand: WJEC

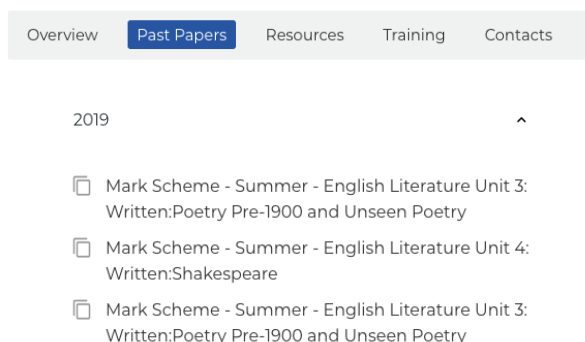
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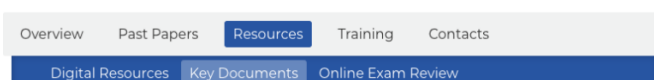
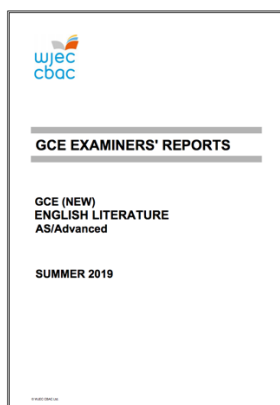
They can be accessed on the [subject webpage](#) under the [Past Papers](#) tab.



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 [Resources > Key Documents](#).



Examiners' Reports

- ☐ AS/A Level English Literature Examiners' Report Summer 2019
- ☐ AS/A Level English Literature Examiners' Report Summer 2018
- ☐ AS/A Level English Literature Examiners' Report Summer 2017
- ☐ AS Level English Literature Report Summer 2016

5. Online Exam Review (Marked Exemplar)

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All Subjects > English Literature > GCE

Summer 2019

English Literature

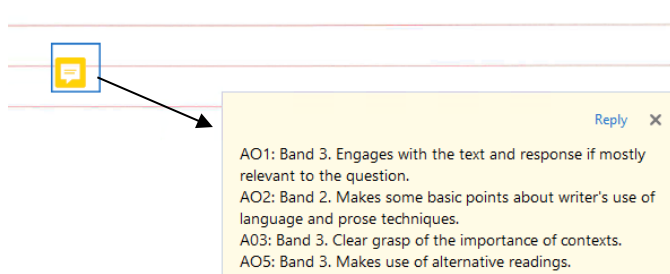
GCE

- A Level 2019 Summer WJEC English Literature Unit 4
- AS Level 2019 Summer WJEC English Literature Unit 1
- AS Level 2019 Summer WJEC English Literature Unit 2

- WJEC 2019 Online Exam Review
- AS level English Literature Unit 1
 - Item Level Data
 - Facility factor graph
 - Section A
 - Mark scheme
 - Example 1
 - Example 1 marked
 - Example 2
 - Example 2 marked
 - Example 3
 - Example 3 marked
 - Section B
 - Mark scheme
 - Example 1
 - Example 1 marked
 - Example 2
 - Example 2 marked
 - Example 3
 - Example 3 marked

A set of [Online Exam Review](#) material for each exam component is published providing a number of clean and marked exemplars of candidate responses to key questions from previous examinations. These allow students to review others' responses and discuss ways in which they may be improved, thus developing their own skills.

These materials are available on our [Online Exam Review](#) website and are made available shortly after results are issued for each series.



Reply X

AO1: Band 3. Engages with the text and response if mostly relevant to the question.
 AO2: Band 2. Makes some basic points about writer's use of language and prose techniques.
 AO3: Band 3. Clear grasp of the importance of contexts.
 AO5: Band 3. Makes use of alternative readings.

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 in order to fully access the exemplar material.

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.

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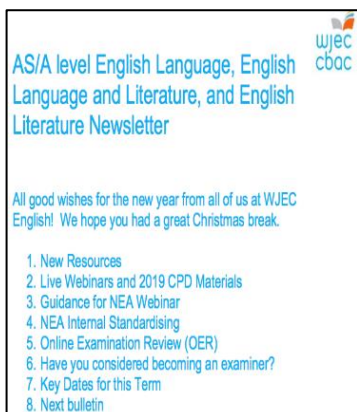
Digital Resources Key Documents Online Exam Review

Exemplars

- 2019 Annotated Exemplar
- 2018 Annotated Exemplar
- 2017 Annotated Exemplar
- 2016 Annotated Exemplar

6. Newsletters

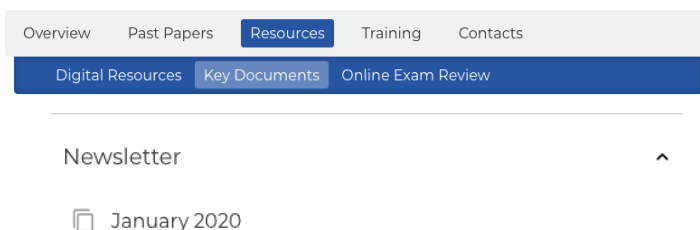
Click the [Subscribe for updates](#) button on the right-hand side of the [subject webpage](#) to sign up for email updates about the qualification, including the termly subject-specific newsletters published each September, January and April.



Get the latest subject updates

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

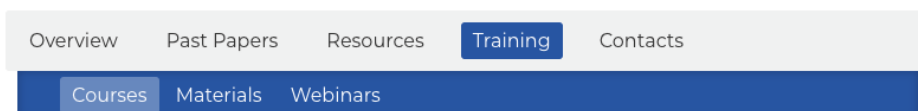


7. CPD Materials

Annual CPD programme

WJEC offers an annual programme of CPD training 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 > Courses](#).



Upcoming Professional Learning Events

WJEC GCE English Literature: preparing for the summer 2021 exam series
Online - 15 October 2020 15:00 [> More info...](#)

WJEC GCE English Literature: Teaching and Assessing Drama
Online - 04 November 2020 16:00 [> More info...](#)

WJEC GCE English Literature: teaching and assessing poetry
Online - 10 February 2021 16:00 [> More info...](#)

Materials from past CPD events

Materials from CPD training events held in previous years are available on the [subject webpage](#) and can be accessed by selecting [Training > Materials](#).



Autumn 2019

-  WJEC GCE English Literature CPD Agenda
-  WJEC GCE Eng Lit CPD 2019 Assessment Grids
-  WJEC GCE English Lit CPD 2019 Powerpoint Poetry
-  WJEC GCE English Literature CPD 2019 SO Presentation
-  WJEC GCE English Literature Poetry CPD Delegate Booklet 2019

The focus of each year's provision is outlined below.

Autumn 2019	Assessment > classroom practice – teaching and assessing poetry
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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.
Autumn 2016	Assessment > classroom practice – reviewing the summer's assessment and preparing for the year ahead.

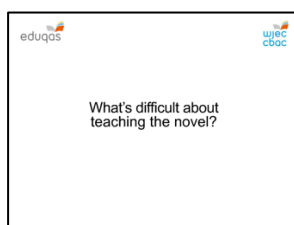
Pre-recorded webinars

A number of pre-recorded webinars are available on the [subject webpage](#) under [Training > Webinars](#).



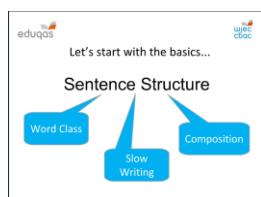
A selection of the available webinars for WJEC GCE English Literature is detailed below.

Teaching the Novel and Unseen Prose



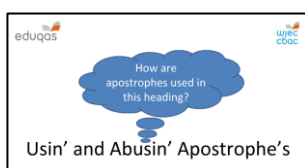
[Pre-recorded webinar](#) on teaching the novel in the English classroom. The video has been designed to support students and teachers at all Key Stages in delivering the English curriculum.

Teaching Grammar



[Pre-recorded webinar](#) on teaching grammar in the English classroom. The video has been designed to support students and teachers at all Key Stages in delivering the English curriculum.

Cognitive Acceleration



[Pre-recorded webinar](#) on using cognitive acceleration in the English Classroom. The video has been designed to support students and teachers at all Key Stages in delivering the English curriculum.

8. Educational Resources

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

A Level English Literature: Approaches to different Interpretations



[Guidance for teachers and learners](#) on how to use different interpretations to enhance their understanding of literature.

A Level English Literature: Effective writing



[This resource](#) will enable learners to write effectively in exam conditions, giving support on how to write concisely and precisely, a key issue for learners in examinations.

A Level English Literature Unit 3 Section A – Knowledge organisers



[A bank of knowledge organisers](#) to support the meaning of A level English Literature. These could be used for revision or as a starting point for creating your own knowledge organisers.

Essay writing skills



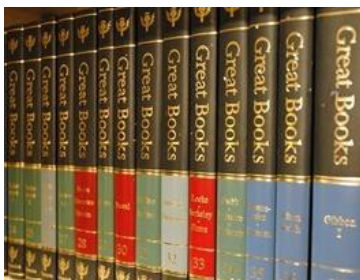
[An interactive resource](#) which covers the building blocks required for writing a literacy essay, from developing an academic style to structuring an argument.

A Level English Literature: Close textual analysis



[Guidance for teachers and learners](#) on how to develop close textual analysis (AO2).

A Level English Literature - Analysing Prose



[The aim of this resource](#) is to develop the skills required in reading and analysing prose. It considers ways in which contextual detail and other readings can be integrated into close analysis of texts.

A Level English Literature - Analysing Unseen Poetry



A [range of resources](#) to develop skills and to enable candidates to be confident when reading, studying and writing about poetry.

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](#).

Results and Grade Boundaries Post-Results Services Appeals Certificates

Current grade boundaries are available above.

You can access our UMS Grade Converter [here](#).

Grade boundary information is available for every unit. Make sure you select the correct information from the drop down.

Year Session Brand Subject Option
2019 GCE June WJEC ENGLISH LITERATURE UNIT 1 (2720) UNIT 1

GCE June 2019 ENGLISH LITERATURE UNIT 1 (2720)

Grade	A	B	C	D	E	U	What is a UMS?
UMS Grade Boundary	080	070	060	050	040	000	
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Exam Results Analysis

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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 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.

10. Key Dates

WJEC GCE ENGLISH LITERATURE

Important Dates for 2019-2020	
8 November	CPD: Swansea
15 November	CPD: Cardiff
21 November	CPD: Llandudno
06 December	CPD: Belfast
21 February	Summer 2020 Series: Last date for receipt of entries
18 March	Summer 2020 Series: Last date for entry amendments without late fees
15 May	Summer 2020 Series: Final deadline for submission of NEA to moderator
15 May AM	Summer 2020 Series: AS Unit 1 Written Examination
20 May PM	Summer 2020 Series: AS Unit 2 Written Examination
1 June AM	Summer 2020 Series: A2 Unit 3 Written Examination
9 June PM	Summer 2020 Series: A2 Unit 4 Written Examination
13 August	Summer 2020 Series: Results published

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

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Key Information

📄 WJEC GCE English Literature Important Dates 2019
2020

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

NEA Standardising Exemplar

A level English Literature NEA Standardising Exemplar

Filename

 A level English Literature NEA Standardising Video Exemplar 1.mp4

 A level English Literature NEA Standardising Video Exemplar 2.mp4

 A level English Literature NEA Standardising Video Exemplar 3.mp4

 A level English Literature NEA Standardising Exemplar 1 Band 2.pdf

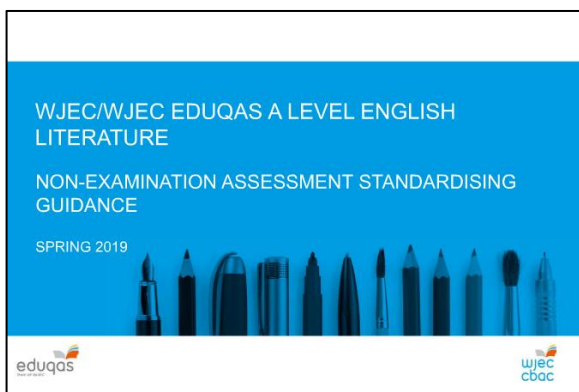
 A level English Literature NEA Standardising Exemplar 2 Band 4.pdf

 A level English Literature NEA Standardising Exemplar 3 Band 5.pdf

NEA standardising exemplars are available on our [secure website](#) to support teachers standardising the marking of the NEA assessment.

The exemplars can be located by selecting 'Subject-Specific Support Material including CPD and Exemplars' on the 'Resources' tab and then entering 'standardising exemplar' in the search box. Remember to select the WJEC brand in the 'Options' filters.

Subject	Level	Type of document
English Literature	GCE	All
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standardising exemplar		

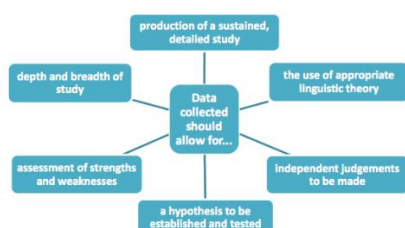


[Online CPD](#) offers guidance for teachers assessing the WJEC GCE English Literature – Non-Exam Assessment Standardisation. The webinar covers a range of important things including:

- Supporting centres in the assessment of the non-examination assessment (NEA).
- Exemplify marking standards rather than suggest 'model approaches'.

Non-Examination Assessment Guidance Documents

A number of documents to aid centres in administering the spoken language assessment is available on the subject [subject webpage](#) under [Resources > Key Documents](#).



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Non-Exam Assessment

-  A Level English Language Unit 5 Non Exam Assessment Coversheet
-  A Level English Language Task Structuring Guidance
-  A Level English Language Centre Checklist
-  A Level English Language Standardising Unit 5

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.

Contact us

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Our subject team is happy to help you with all your queries related to the teaching and learning of WJEC GCE English Literature. Our Subject Officers are experienced teachers and are here to support you with delivering our qualifications. Get in touch with us via e-mail.