

GCSE Welsh Second Language

Course content and overview

The WJEC GCSE Welsh Second Language specification enables learners to understand and use the language for a variety of purposes and audiences.

It develops learners' language learning skills and strategies in order to enable them to communicate and interact confidently and spontaneously in relevant situations and specified context.

Assessment Details

Exam Board: WJEC

Assessment: 4 Units

UNIT 1:

- Pupils will complete this unit in Year 11.
- This unit is worth 25% of the whole qualification. (Unit Weighting: Speaking 10% / Listening 15%)
- Candidates will be expected to listen and watch a visual stimulus before discussing what they have watched with a partner or in a group of three.

UNIT 2:

- Pupils will complete this unit in Year 10.
- This unit is worth 25% of the whole qualification. (Unit Weighting: Speaking 20% / Listening 5%)
- Candidates will be expected to respond orally and listen to peers through interaction with a partner or in a group of three.
- Candidates are expected to respond to stimuli provided by WJEC. The content of the materials will vary, e.g. graphs, pictures, stimuli, statistics, short reading texts etc.

UNIT 3:

- Pupils will complete this unit in Year 11.
- This unit is worth 25% of the whole qualification. (Unit Weighting: Reading 15% / Writing 10%.)
- The reading will be assessed through a range of structured questions.
- Candidates will be assessed on different formats of texts such as correspondence, instructions, tables and graphs, forms, marketing materials, and articles
- Candidates will be expected to respond to a range of questions.

UNIT 4:

- Pupils will complete this unit in Year 11.
- This unit is worth 25% of the whole qualification. (Unit Weighting: Reading 10% / Writing 15%.)
- Candidates will be assessed on different formats of texts such as letters, poems, diaries, graphs and advertisements
- Candidates will be expected to respond to a range of questions.

Useful Revision Guides, resources and websites

Information for GCSE Welsh Second Language can be found at [GCSE Welsh Second Language \(wjec.co.uk\)](http://wjec.co.uk)

Revision materials can be found at BBC Bitesize: [GCSE Welsh Second Language \(WJEC\) - BBC Bitesize](#)

Supporting Home Learning

- Regular revision of key vocabulary, sentence patterns and questions are highly beneficial.
- Completion of home study and regular revision of teaching notes will enable pupils to embed their knowledge and ensure familiarity with the key skills and different question types.
- Preparation and rehearsal of individual researched presentations will be vital to ensure a confident delivery during assessments.
- Regular completion of exam style questions of all four exam units are beneficial. Ensure that you submit your work to your teacher for feedback and guidance.

Progression Routes & Careers

Welsh Language, as a core subject, can be instrumental to pupils when accessing further studies in many subjects or career choice. The ability to use conversational Welsh is valued in all aspects of employment in Wales. Employers are actively seeking candidates who are competent in using the Welsh language, especially in public sector jobs.

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