

## GCSE English Post 16 Provision from September 2011

Changes to GCSE English qualifications will affect centres offering a one year sit course from September 2011. Below we have given you some guidance on your choices and the benefits of the new unitised structure.

From this date you will have a centre choice about which qualifications you offer. As your students are over the age of 16 they do not have to cover the Key Stage 4 Programme of Study. This means you can offer:

Either:  
GCSE English

Or:  
GCSE English Language

Post 16, a C grade in either qualification counts as the gateway qualification to further education, training and higher education. So you will be able to look at the course content of both new specifications and see which best suits your students.

Additionally, if you choose, GCSE English Literature can be made available as part of the wider GCSE provision.

### The benefits of a unitised course for post 16 provision

The new specifications have been designed as unitised qualifications. GCSE English and English Language are made up of three units each:

- Unit 1 is 20% of the assessment
- Unit 2 is 40% of the assessment
- Unit 3 is 40% of the assessment.

You will find that teaching the course as separate units helps the students to focus on specific skills and assessments, and gives pace to the course thus improving motivation.

### Planning to make the most of the units

In a unitised qualification candidates must be entered for each unit. Unit entries can be made for the January assessment and June assessment. When the final unit entry is made the candidate cashes in the unit scores and receives a certificate and a grade.

If you choose, you can enter students for a unit for January assessment to find out how well your students are performing before the end of the course and advise them on re-sitting the unit in June. If you prefer, you can put the students in for all the assessments at the end of the course.

### Next Steps

Visit our **Spec at a Glance** pages here:

[GCSE English at a Glance](#)

[Full Specification](#)

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[GCSE English Literature](#)

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[Fast track GCSE English Course Planner](#)

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- 2010-11 controlled assessment tasks and texts.
- 2011-2012 controlled assessment tasks and texts.
- Student **exemplars** for all controlled assessment units.
- Teacher Support Books and pod casts giving step-by-step tutorials about controlled assessment.
- [Key Dates](#) for your Diary: dates for entries and submission of Controlled Assessment marks.

### Controlled Assessment Guidance

Please note we do recommend you view the **English Controlled Assessment Podcast** found here [www.edexcel.com/iwantto/Pages/podcast-english.aspx](http://www.edexcel.com/iwantto/Pages/podcast-english.aspx) and can be downloaded and shown in your centre. It is an excellent guide from our Chair of Examiners, Tony Farrell, on the rules and logistics of running Controlled Assessments. Also please refer to the GCSE English10 specifications Getting Started Packs section: Your questions about Controlled Assessment.

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### Contacts for support and guidance

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