

## Introduction

The specification for WELSH Second Language in a “normal” year comprises of 4 units which together count towards the overall award of the Welsh GCSE.

Unit 1 Speaking – this is a non-examination assessment: 6 – 8 minutes (pair) 8 – 10 minutes (group of three)

Unit 2 Speaking – this is a non-examination assessment: 6 – 8 minutes (pair) 8 – 10 minutes (group of three)

Unit 3 Reading and Writing – this is a written examination of 1 hour 30 minutes

Unit 4 Reading and Writing – this is a written examination of 1 hour 30 minutes

There are “normally” three broad themes.

In June 2020 WJEC announced amendments to the course due to the Covid-19 pandemic. No units were removed from the 2021 examinations; however, the following adaptations were announced:

Unit 1 and Unit 2 Speaking – Students can choose **EITHER** Unit 1 or Unit 2 (not both). Past paper assessments will be made available to assist centres in delivering these units.

This has been reflected in the content that has been taught to year 11 and is reflected in the assessment points shown below.

## Sources of evidence for Centre Determined Grades in Welsh Second Language

Assessment point 1 = Unit 3 Reading and Writing Past paper exam questions completed in lesson under **high control** on topics covered up to that point using WJEC past papers and mark scheme. Completed the week beginning the 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

Assessment point 2 = Unit 4 Reading and Writing Past paper questions completed in lesson under **high control** using WJEC past papers and mark scheme in the week beginning the 7<sup>th</sup> of December.

Assessment point 3 = Unit 3 Reading Questions completed under **low control** but with a strict time limit at home due to a period of lockdown. Students completed and submitted answers via Microsoft Forms using WJEC specimen unit 3 reading papers along with the WJEC mark scheme.

Assessment point 4 = Unit 2 Speaking NEA past paper under **low control** to be completed at home and submitted online as a voice recording between week March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Assessment point 5 = Writing: Adapted past paper question in line with the WJEC creation Guide and information video. This will be completed under **high control** in lesson between April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Assessment point 6 = Reading: Unit 3 Reading Questions created in line with WJEC guidance on assessment and grading for summer 2021 alternative arrangements. This assessment will be completed in lesson under **high control** in the week beginning May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Class work = A range of knowledge and skills are demonstrated by students in Welsh lessons through their performance in low stakes summative assessment which includes recall tests, quizzes, verbal answers to question, small tasks carried out that are not necessarily graded or levelled, longer independent learning tasks and other low stakes tests such as use of online resources.

Non-Examined Assessment = This is the Unit 2 Speaking which was submitted as Assessment Point 4.