

IAL English: all set for the new school year 2024-2025

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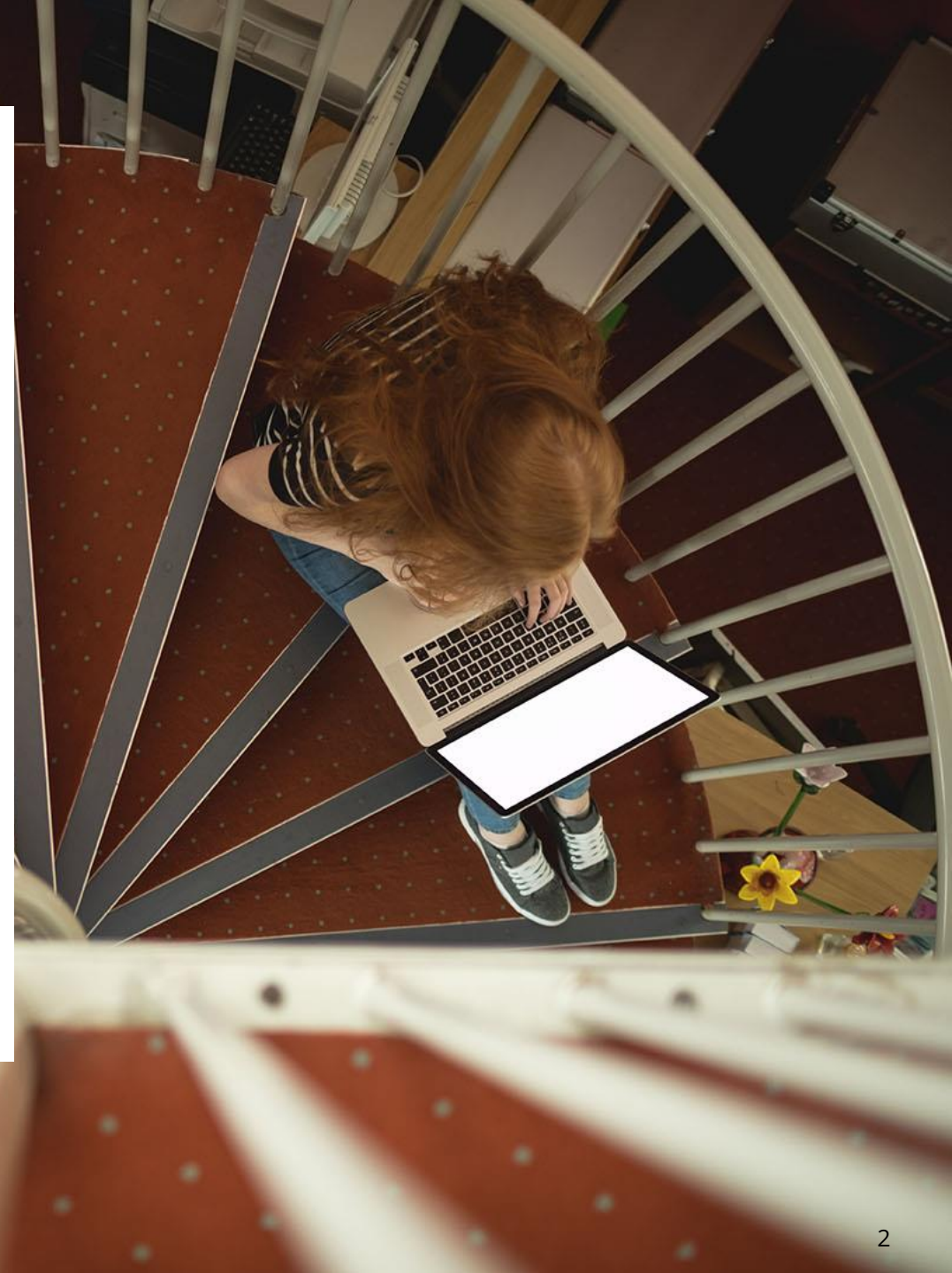
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What we'll cover

- Are there any changes for 2024-2025?
- Unit entry, aggregation and resitting
- January 2025 and May/June 2025 exam series
- Exam timetables
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No changes to assessment in January or May/June 2025

There are no changes to delivery for IAL English Literature or English Language.
On 1.8.24 padlocks were removed from June 2023 assessment materials.

IAS and IAL and unit aggregation

Do students have to sit IAS and IAL?

- Students can sit units 1 and 2 and 'cash in' to achieve IAS XET01 for Literature or XEN01 for Language. In some countries, students can enter university with the pass at IAS.
- After achieving the IAS, students can go on and do units 3 and 4 and then cash in for YET01, IAL in English Literature or YEN01, IAL in English Language.
- Some students will simply sit all 4 units and cash in for the IAL (and not do the IAS cash in).

[Entry, aggregation and certification rules.](#)

Entry deadlines and sub-topic pre-release

January 2025 exam series: 18 October 2024

May/June 2025 exam series: 21 March 2025

Subtopic pre-release for IAL English Language WEN004

- [Subtopics for January 2025](#) were released in June 2024 (Edexcel Online login required).
- Subtopics for June 2025 will be released on 1.12.24.

Exam timetables for January 2025

You can access the [timetables](#) here.

[International exam start times.](#)

	Unit Code	Unit Title	Exam Date	Time	Duration
English Language	WEN01 01	Unit 1: Language: Context and Identity	Wednesday 08 January	Morning	1h 45m
	WEN02 01	Unit 2: Language in Transition	Thursday 16 January	Morning	1h 45m
	WEN03 01	Unit 3: Crafting Language (Writing)	Monday 13 January	Morning	2h 00m
	WEN04 01	Unit 4: Investigating Language	Wednesday 22 January	Morning	2h 00m
English Literature	WET01 01	Unit 1: Post-2000 Poetry and Prose	Wednesday 15 January	Morning	2h 00m
	WET02 01	Unit 2: Drama	Friday 24 January	Morning	2h 00m
	WET03 01	Unit 3: Poetry and Prose	Thursday 09 January	Morning	2h 00m
	WET04 01	Unit 4: Shakespeare and Pre-1900 Poetry	Tuesday 21 January	Morning	2h 00m

Exam timetables for June 2025

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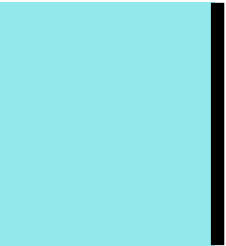
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English Language	WEN01 01	Unit 1: Language: Context and Identity	Monday 12 May	Morning	1h 45m
	WEN02 01	Unit 2: Language in Transition	Tuesday 20 May	Morning	1h 45m
	WEN03 01	Unit 3: Crafting Language (Writing)	Monday 02 June	Morning	2h 00m
	WEN04 01	Unit 4: Investigating Language	Friday 13 June	Afternoon	2h 00m
English Literature	WET01 01	Unit 1: Post-2000 Poetry and Prose	Friday 09 May	Afternoon	2h 00m
	WET02 01	Unit 2: Drama	Thursday 15 May	Morning	2h 00m
	WET03 01	Unit 3: Poetry and Prose	Wednesday 28 May	Morning	2h 00m
	WET04 01	Unit 4: Shakespeare and Pre-1900 Poetry	Wednesday 04 June	Morning	2h 00m

Mocks service

Explore our range of [mocks services](#).

International A Level				
International A Level English				
Unit 1: Language: Context and Identity  		WEN01_01	Summer 2024	2501 from Feb - TBC
Unit 2: Language in Transition  		WEN02_01	Summer 2024	2501 from Feb - TBC
Unit 3: Crafting Language (Writing)  		WEN03_01	Summer 2024	2501 from Feb - TBC
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Forthcoming training

Browse and book courses on the [PDA](#).

We will shortly be advertising courses for both English IALs.

There will be ‘exam insights’ and ‘understanding assessment and improving delivery’ courses which will provide detailed information on how to deliver the two qualifications.

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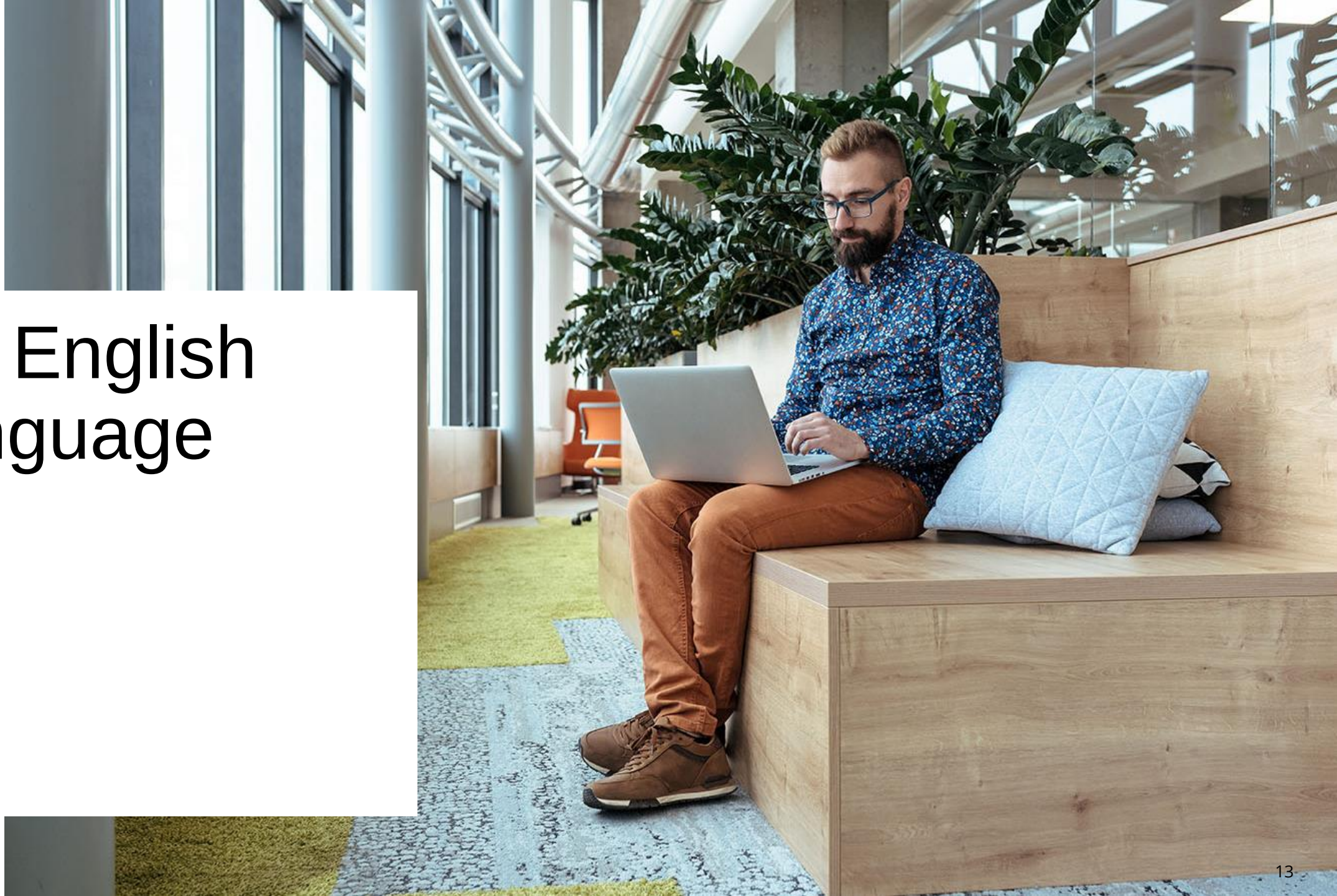
Resources and student books

- [Guidance on prescribed editions of set texts](#)
- Pearson Edexcel does not have a published text book for IAL English Literature.
- We recently published some [additional exemplars for IAL Literature](#).
- There are recommended texts in the [Getting Started Guide](#).
- There is a [range of free resources](#).
- UK A level resources are mapped to IAL English Literature in this [document](#).
- We have a [teacher resource pack](#) for IAL English Literature.
- Teachers can also **adapt** and use the materials available for GCE [English Literature](#), including the free [student book downloads](#) from the 2008 specification.

Resources and student books continued

- The specification covers 34 text options, many of which have been commonly taught at A level for many years.
- Teachers can use our [generic schemes of work](#) to guide them on delivering each genre: poetry, prose and drama.
- Teachers can make use of commercially available guides and resources to specific texts.
- The [English and Media Centre](#) offers a wide range of excellent resources and courses and it is advisable to subscribe to their eMagazine.

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- [Subtopics for January 2025](#) were released in June 2024 (Edexcel Online login required).
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- We will be publishing Student Book 1 for IAS English Language by the end of November 2024. This covers Units 1 & 2. [You can access sample material and pre-order now.](#)

- We recently published some additional exemplars and guidance:

[English Language exemplars](#)

[English Language Unit 2, Section B guidance](#)

- There are recommended texts in the [Getting Started Guide](#):
- [Free resources](#)
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Other recommended resources

[Anything by David Crystal](#)

[World Englishes](#) (Units 2 and 4)

[Ballard – Frameworks of English](#)

[Burton - Mastering English Grammar](#)

[Sara Thorne – Mastering English Language](#)

[Intertext Series](#)

[emagazine](#)

[Dan Clayton's blog](#)

[BBC News in Pidgin](#)

Suggested by Ian McMechan

What theories might be referenced for WEN02

- Khakhra's Circles
- Bandura – Cultural Transmission
- Philipppson – Cultural Imperialism
- Giles – Communication Accommodation Theory
- Halliday – Language Functions
- Selinker - Fossilisation Theory
- McCrum – Globish
- Three theories of Pidginisation – monogenetic, polygenetic, universalist
- Relexification Theory – the form takes its lexis from the target (superstrate) and its grammar and syntax from the substrate
- Jenkins – Lingua Franca

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WEN02: examples of key concepts that students might reference

- Prescriptivism and descriptivism
- Creolisation
- Assimilation, convergence and divergence
- Speech Act theory
- 'Golden Age' and other similar concepts.

Suggested by Ian McMechan

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