

English

Professional Development

Supporting great teaching from 11–18



Events to support great teaching

Hi there, I'm Liz! I'm Senior Qualification Manager for Pearson Edexcel English.

As one of our Pearson Edexcel centres you can now see an overview of our free and paid-for-events that are designed to help you get the most out of our English qualifications, services and support.

Our **GCSE online networks** focus on key aspects of teaching and learning as well as assessment and give you the opportunity to connect with other schools. [See page 3.](#)

We also offer free online **New to Edexcel events**, if you are switching to us from another awarding body, where you can discover more about our specification structure and our extensive free support. [See page 3.](#)

We hope to see you soon!



'Helpful advice from the trainer and others on the event—great tips I can use tomorrow!'

Katy, Richmond

Pearson has reviewed the format and content of all its training events to ensure that the security of its examinations cannot be compromised. Please note, in our events we are not able to discuss any centre or candidate-specific marking issues.

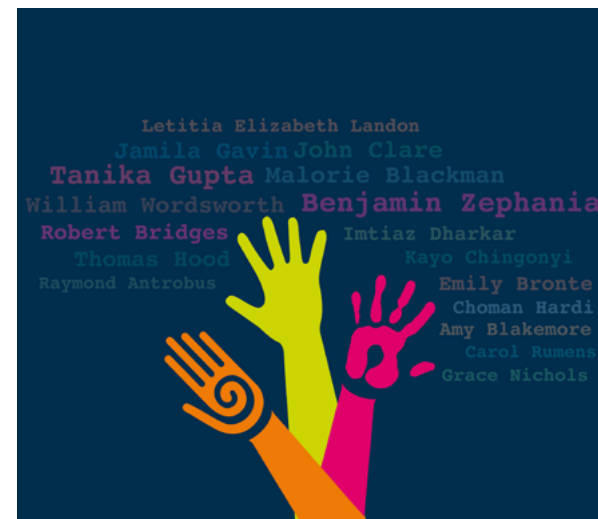
#DiversityInLit Conference 2020

Following the disruption caused by COVID-19, we postponed our 2020 student and teacher Conference and instead held a free online webinar, dedicated to Diversity in Literature.

We were joined by special guest, Professor Benjamin Zephaniah plus a host of other speakers including Lauren Binks, Julie Hughes and Malika Sahonta. The event also featured contributions from students and staff from Bristol Free School and Holyhead School around why diversity is important and what it means.

Over 500 delegates heard about our new text additions, the process we went through for selecting them and our full range of support for teaching them.

Visit our website to watch the event: go.pearson.com/litwebinar



"This was an utterly immeasurable experience."

"The experience was something I will always remember".

Missed our 2019 Conference? Hear feedback from attendees and watch the full event here: quals.pearson.com/divconf20

New to Edexcel events

Free

These online events are designed for teachers who are switching to Pearson or delivering Pearson Edexcel qualifications for the first time. They will support you in getting ready to teach our GCSE (9–1) English qualifications.

Delegates will:

- consider the structure and content of the specification, and explore possible teaching and delivery strategies
- explore the question papers and mark schemes for all papers
- find out more about the support available
- have the opportunity to discuss best practice and share ideas with other teachers.

This event can count as 2 hours of CPD.

GCSE English online network events

Free

Our GCSE networks will give you the opportunity to share ideas and meet other teachers, as well as:

- consider key aspects of the GCSE assessments
- develop strategies for encouraging improved achievement in English .

Currently, our network events will take place online until further notice.

‘Really well run and lots of opportunity for discussion and ideas’

Charlotte, Balham

‘Always feel supported and inspired after the network and discussion.’

Melissa, Swindon

‘It was fab, as always. Useful feedback on exam reports and fresh ideas for texts and teaching approaches.’

Julie, Dudley



Access our new switching support guide at: quals.pearson.com/EnglishSwitch

Teaching Unseen Poetry

In our online workshop delegates will have the opportunity to develop their teaching of unseen poetry and, in particular, preparing students for the comparative aspects of Paper 2 Section B, Part 2. Delegates will:

- Identify students' existing skills and typical weaknesses
- Consider resources, including engaging poem pairings for classroom use
- Examine techniques to help students read and write about unseen poetry
- Discuss differentiated approaches for how to structure a comparative response in the exam.

This event can count as 2.5 hours of CPD.

Using drama and multi-media techniques to engage students with 19th Century texts

This online workshop is a fiction fest and will focus on *Jekyll and Hyde* and featuring chat show skits, rap battles, easy filming techniques and much, much more—don't worry the activities can be used for other texts.

This event can count as 2.5 hours of CPD.

'All of the information was useful, particularly the 19th century teaching suggestions!'

Valencia, London



Book online today at quals.pearson.com/enggcsepd

Achieving Grades 4 and 5

This online course will consider ways in which students achieved grades 4 and 5 in the 2019 series. We will provide you with activities designed to improve your students' skills to help them maximise their potential.

During the course we will:

- look at examples of grade 4 and grade 5 exam scripts from the summer 2019 exam
- look at the skills needed and how the Assessment Objectives are covered by students achieving grades 4 and 5
- provide you with activities and strategies.

This event can count as 2 hours of CPD.

Aiming High – Targeting Grades 8 and 9

This online course will consider ways in which students achieved grades 8 and 9 in the 2019 series. We will provide you with activities designed to help your students maximise their potential. This course will focus solely on achievement of the highest grades.

During the course we will:

- look at examples of grade 8 and grade 9 exam scripts from the summer 2019 exam
- look at the skills needed and how the Assessment Objectives are covered by students achieving grades 8 and 9
- provide you with activities and strategies for your highest achievers.

This even can count as 2 hours of CPD.

New to Entry Level Certificate in English

This online event is designed for teachers who are moving to Pearson Edexcel or delivering the Pearson Edexcel specification for the first time. This will support you in getting ready to teach the Pearson Edexcel Entry Level Certificate in English.

Delegates will:

- Consider the structure, content and assessment
- Explore possible teaching and delivery strategies
- Explore the support available to centres teaching this qualification
- Have the opportunity to discuss best practice and share ideas.

This event can count as 2 hours of CPD.



Coursework Marking Training

These free online events are all about coursework—from the assessment criteria to marking exemplars. There is also a chance to ask any questions about setting the coursework assignments.

Available each year, for A level English Literature, A level English Language and A level English Language and Literature.

This event can count as 2.5 hours of CPD.

Teaching Prose

This online event is all about Prose – you will unpick the Assessment Objectives and look at techniques to help students approach their chosen texts.

This event can count as 2.5 hours of CPD.

Responding to unseen and contemporary poetry

This online event focuses on identifying your student's skills and weaknesses, key resources and exploring approaches to teaching.

This event can count as 2 hours of CPD.

Exploring the teaching of 'Different Interpretations' for Component 1, Shakespeare

In this online workshop teachers will explore methods for teaching AO5 in relation to the Shakespeare texts on Component 1 of the Pearson Edexcel A level English Literature. The course will focus on the plays Hamlet and Othello, suggesting teaching methods for developing the skill of evaluating different interpretations.

Delegates will:

- consolidate their understanding of AO5
- consider ways of using wider critical reading in the classroom to address key challenges for students
- participate in teaching and learning activities that can be applied in the classroom

This event can count as 2 hours of CPD.

'It was helpful to be given examples of integration of AO2 and AO3 and excellent to share ideas about structuring of teaching the comparison aspect of the prose paper.'

Elisabeth, Penbury

Centre-based training

With centre-based training, you can choose any of our online training courses listed in our training programme to be delivered to your department for a fee (which you could share with other schools in your trust).

Book online today at quals.pearson.com/inschooleng

Pre-recorded training

To ensure we can continue supporting you, we've adapted some of our high-quality, face-to-face and online training materials to produce our new pre-recorded training.

These pre-recorded training videos for GCSE and A level have been developed to support you in the delivery, assessment and post-examination. They can be watched at a time that suits you, shared with colleagues and revisited when needed.

Each pre-recorded event can count as 1 hour of CPD.

Free

Stay in touch



Be the first to hear about our upcoming training events by following our Facebook page:

[@pearsonedexcelenglish](https://www.facebook.com/pearsonedexcelenglish)

How to book

Our paid-for and free events are available to book online:

- for GCSE events: quals.pearson.com/enggcsepd
- for A level events: quals.pearson.com/engalevdpd
- for centre-based training: quals.pearson.com/inschooltrainingeng
- for pre-recorded training: quals.pearson.com/prerecordeng

For more information about our Training for Pearson workshops, events, centre-based training, terms & conditions and bookings please contact us at: quals.pearson.com/engpd

Past-training materials

We host all of our past-training content on our website for you to download, when it suits you.

Access training materials here: quals.pearson.com/engtrain