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# Key dates in the examination cycle

GCSE November 2026 series

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There are key dates for the main examination series of GCSE qualifications which are common to all the JCQ awarding bodies.

These include dates for access arrangements, entries, submitting centre-assessed marks, release of results and final dates for post-result services.

Centre staff with teaching and administrative responsibilities will need to be aware of these dates.

Dates appear on timetables and in various awarding body and JCQ documents. However, sometimes a simple date cannot be found quickly when the need arises.

The 'need to know' dates for the GCSE November 2026 series of Cymraeg Language and Literature, English Language, English Language and Literature, Mathematics, Mathematics and Numeracy and Welsh Language examinations are listed on **page 2**.

**NB** Centres in Northern Ireland entering candidates for CCEA GCSE specifications should consult CCEA administration documents for key dates, timetables and deadlines for submitting centre-assessed marks.

## Key dates – GCSE November 2026 examination series

KEY DATE	DESCRIPTION	QUALIFICATION	CATEGORY
<b>AUTUMN TERM 2026/27</b>			
01/09/2026	Final date for awarding bodies to make basedata available	GCSE	Entries
20/09/2026	Final date for ordering modified papers using Access arrangements online (AAO)	GCSE	Access arrangements
01/10/2026	Final date to submit Form JCQ/CCA – centre consortium arrangements for GCSE English Language, Spoken Language Endorsement using Centre Admin Portal (CAP)	GCSE	Centre assessment
04/10/2026	Final date for entries	GCSE	Entries
04/10/2026	Final date for requesting transferred candidate arrangements using Centre Admin Portal (CAP)		Exam preparation
01/11/2026	Final date to process applications for access arrangements using Access arrangements online (AAO)	GCSE	Access arrangements
02/11/2026	Date of first examination on common timetable	GCSE	Exam time
02/11/2026	First date for submitting special consideration requests to awarding bodies	GCSE	Exam time
05/11/2026	Final date for submitting GCSE English Language, Spoken Language Endorsement grades	GCSE	Centre assessment
11/11/2026	Date of final examination on common timetable	GCSE	Exam time
18/11/2026	Final date for submitting special consideration requests to awarding bodies	GCSE	Exam time
<b>SPRING TERM 2026/27</b>			
13/01/2027	Restricted release of results to centres only	GCSE	Results
14/01/2027	Release of results to candidates	GCSE	Results
18/02/2027	Final date for clerical checks, reviews of marking, reviews of moderation or other results enquiries (e.g. Missing and Incomplete Results)	GCSE	Post-result services