



Notice to Centres

FAO: Northern Ireland Centres

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Subject: English Language for Northern Ireland

GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND (NI) ONLY

The changes that are being made to the GCSE English qualifications in England will **not** affect the current arrangements for Northern Ireland. For centres in Northern Ireland, the assessment of Speaking and Listening skills will continue to contribute 20% to the overall GCSE grade.

For GCSE English Language - J345 (for Northern Ireland only), candidates must take units A631, A632 and A633. The unit codes have been updated but the content and structure of all units remains the same.

You can find more details of the unit codes and weightings below:

GCSE English Language J345 for Northern Ireland

Unit	Unit title	Weighting
Unit A631(Previous code A651)	Extended Literary Text and Imaginative Writing	30%
Unit A632(Previous code A652)	Speaking & Listening and Spoken Language	30%
Unit A633(Previous code A680)	Information and Ideas	40%