

Qualification	Subject	Changes to examinations	Changes to coursework/ non- exam assessment	Considerations for students
GCSE	Art	No examination	It is now 100% coursework (from 60% coursework and 40% exam)	
GCSE	Business & Economics	To help students revise, exam boards will provide advance information about the focus of exams		Ofqual and the DfE have decided that exam boards will publish advance information by 7 February 2022 – or earlier if the impact of the pandemic worsens
BTEC	Child development	No current changes	No current changes	
GCSE	Computer Science	Will be providing advance information about the focus of content within a specification to be assessed in summer 2022. This will be communicated by 7 February, in advance of the exams.		
BTEC	Digital Information Technology	Learning Aim A is not being formally assessed for either Component 1 (last year) or Component 2 (this year). Learning Aims B and C remain the same. The component 3 exam is due to be sat in May/June 2022.	Students will be given a U-Tag (Unit Teacher Assessed Grade) based on the assignments that were completed last year (20/21).	
GCSE	English Language	No changes	Speaking and listening assessments will not be recorded	
GCSE	English Literature	One of the components can be dropped. All students sit questions on Shakespeare and Unseen poetry		The English department will inform students of the component that will be dropped before the end of the Autumn term.
BTEC	Fashion Design	No current changes	No current changes	
GCSE	Food Technology	We are still awaiting further information about whether the exam question topics will be shared before the exam.	NEA 1: Food Investigation has been removed from the qualification For NEA 2 Section D: Making the final dishes – we require students to complete two dishes within the single three-hour time slot For NEA 2 Section B: Demonstrating technical skills – students will need to showcase their technical skills when making a maximum of three dishes.	
GCSE	French	Optionality for Paper 4 (Writing) - questions to cover all themes. Paper 4 (Writing) exam time extended (by 5 mins both tiers) Advanced information on exams to be given.	No requirement for vocabulary outside specification. Speaking tests to take place as normal, with a contingency in place.	
GCSE	Design & Technology	To help students focus their exam preparation, there will be advance information on what exams will cover.	The 'Realising design ideas' and 'Analysing and evaluating' sections have been rewritten to reflect these changes. Realising design ideas: This section has been reduced from 20 to 10 marks. Students will no longer be assessed on the skill of making but will be required to show their 'intentions of prototypes' and demonstrate their understanding of the processes involved in making. The assessment no longer requires students to make a final prototype. Instead, they can show their understanding of the processes involved in making by writing about them. Analysing and evaluation: This section has been reduced from 20 to 15 marks. Analysis and evaluation throughout the design process can take place in relation to prototype ideas and models. There's no expectation to test a final made prototype but students should find ways of testing prototype designs.	This advance information will be available by 7 February 2022, or sooner if the pandemic worsens.

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GCSE	Geography	Paper 1 - students will choose between answering questions on Development Dynamics or Challenges of an Urbanising World. All will answer questions on Hazardous Earth. The 2 compulsory days of fieldwork for paper 2 are not now compulsory. All our students have done a rivers day already and I have a Milton Keynes day planned for March. There will be no questions relating directly to their own fieldwork on paper 2 but they will be asked questions about hypothetical fieldwork, so I feel that it is still essential that they complete the 2 days of fieldwork.		
GCSE	History	For the cohort being examined summer 2022 – we have dropped the Cold War Paper from paper 2. Students will be sitting Medicine through Time, Anglo-Saxons and Weimar and Nazi Germany.		
GCSE	Maths	GCSE formula sheet to be given for use in exam. Precise details as yet unknown. Some information about potential questions in exam. Precise details as yet unknown.		
GCSE	Media	Students will be provided with advance information about what will be included in the examination.		Information will be shared by the examining board by 7th February 2022.
RFL	Music	No current changes	No current changes	
BTEC	Physical Education		Unit has been dropped.	Unit 3 is going ahead as normal and could be duplicated in other areas where assessment could not take place.
GCSE	Physical Education	Students will be told in advance some of the topic areas that will be included in the exam papers.	Reduced requirement to 2 activities (can be two individual activities or two group activities or a combination of both). Remote moderation can take place and all activities videoed instead of in person moderation.	Examination topic help will be shared by the exam board in the spring term.
GCSE	Religious Studies	No current changes		The examination board has suggested there will be an update soon.
GCSE	Science (Triple & Combined)	Students will be given a revised equation sheet for GCSE physics and combined science in summer 2022, covering all the equations required in the subject content. Exam boards will provide copies of the equation sheet for use in teaching and to ensure that students are familiar with it prior to the exams. Clean copies of the equation sheet will be provided in the exams.	Centres will be allowed to deliver practical work in GCSE biology, chemistry, physics, combined science,	
GCSE	Spanish	Optionality for Paper 4 (Writing) - questions to cover all themes. Paper 4 (Writing) exam time extended (by 5 mins both tiers) Advanced information on exams to be given.	No requirement for vocabulary outside specification. Speaking tests to take place as normal, with a contingency in place.	