



14th October, 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are writing to update you on the changes to the examinations which are due to take place in Summer 2021. Included in this letter is a table which provides a summary of the changes in each subject. Where there are no changes, this has been stated.

As you will be aware this is an evolving situation. It was announced by Gavin Williamson on Monday 12th October that 'the summer exam series will start on 7th June and end on 2nd July for almost all GCSEs.' Results day will be Friday 27th August. Staff are monitoring communications from exam boards closely and they are in contact with their exam board subject advisor. If there are any further significant changes these will be communicated to you.

Subject	Course Code	Exam Board Changes
English	AQA 8700	There are no changes to the exam content or structure.
English Literature	AQA 8702	Students will be studying the following texts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1B: 19th Century Novel: 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens • Paper 1C: Modern Prose/Drama: 'An Inspector Calls' by J. B. Priestley • Paper 2A: Shakespeare: Macbeth • Paper 2B: Part 1: Unseen Poetry Essay • Part 2: Unseen Poetry Comparison
Mathematics	AQA 8300	No changes to content or exam structure.
Biology	Edexcel 1BIO	No changes to the content or the exam structure. Schools are no longer required to give all students the opportunity to carry out 8 core practical activities; instead students can have seen someone else carry out the experiments.
Chemistry	Edexcel 1CGO	No changes to the content or the exam structure. Schools are no longer required to give all students the opportunity to carry out 8 core practical activities; instead students can have seen someone else carry out the experiments.
Physics	Edexcel 1PHO	No changes to the content or the exam structure. Schools are no longer required to give all students the opportunity to carry out 8 core practical activities; instead students can have seen someone else carry out the experiments.
Combined Science	Edexcel 1SCO	No changes to the content or the exam structure. Schools are no longer required to give all students the opportunity to carry out 18 core practical activities; instead students can have seen someone else carry out the experiments.

Computer Science	Edexcel 1CP2	There was a 20-hour programming assessment that was compulsory, this has been removed for current year 11s.
Geography	AQA 8035	Fieldwork is not required. There will be no question about student's own fieldwork experience in the exam on Paper 3.
History	Edexcel 1H10	Students are to be assessed on a compulsory modern depth study, Weimar Germany. Also, two of the remaining three components will be assessed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabethan England • Medicine Through Time
Religious Education	Edexcel 1RB0	No changes to content or exam structure.
French	AQA 8658	The spoken language assessment in summer 2021 will be an endorsement, assessed by teachers throughout the course of study. The 2021 writing papers will include an additional optional question for the Foundation/Higher 90-word pieces, and the Higher 150-word pieces, giving candidates more choice. Each of the three examinations (Listening, Reading and Writing) will have equal weighting - 33% each of the final result.
Spanish	AQA 8698	The spoken language assessment in summer 2021 will be an endorsement, assessed by teachers throughout the course of study. The 2021 writing papers will include an additional optional question for the Foundation/Higher 90-word pieces, and the Higher 150-word pieces, giving candidates more choice. Each of the three examinations (Listening, Reading and Writing) will have equal weighting - 33% each of the final result.
Art and Design	OCR J170	The controlled assessment goes ahead as planned. The final assessment will take place in the spring.
Drama	EDUQAS C6902QS	Component 1: DEVISING THEATRE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum performance times have been reduced. • Portfolio element remains unchanged • Evaluation element no longer under exam conditions (900 words) • Students may produce a monologue for their devised piece Component 2: SCRIPTED DRAMA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum performance times have been reduced. • Students study one extract instead of two • Students can choose to perform a monologue Component 3: SET TEXT STUDY & WRITTEN EXAMINATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes

Music	AQA 8271	Students will now only need to submit one composition and one performance (solo or group).
Design and Technology	AQA 8552	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.
Food Preparation and Nutrition	AQA 8585	NEA1 has been removed. NEA2 still is out of 70 marks, but will count for 50% of the final grade.
BTEC First Award- Construction and the Built Environment	Edexcel 600/6817/6	No changes at present - announcement due on 23 rd October.
BTEC First Award in Sport	Edexcel 600/4779/3	At present BTEC Sport have been advised to leave out the optional unit of leadership as part of the final assessment. Units, 1, 2 and 3 will now be required to form the candidates' final grade. Unit 1 is the examination they sat in year 10. Unit 2 is the sports performance unit where they compared rounders and another sport of their choice. Unit 3 they will begin after October half term with a focus on training and developing their own training programme.
Astronomy	Edexcel 1AS0	There is no requirement for the students to complete any observations, but they need to be able to design and analyse observational projects. The students will work collaboratively on a telescopic task during the winter months.

Thank you for your continued support, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the summer examinations. Any specific content enquiries should be directed to the relevant subject leader.

Kind regards,

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