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Exam Guide 2022

Changes for GCSE Students

2022 GCSE Exam Changes

Dear Students, Parents and Carers of Year 11

I am writing with regard to the examination season of Summer 2022. Because of the ongoing impact of the Coronavirus (COVID 19) pandemic, most subjects will have changes to how they are assessed in 2022. This could include advance information on exams, optionality, other adaptations and changes to the NEA (Non- examined assessment).

The purpose of this booklet is to allow you to check each subject so that you are fully informed on what you are preparing for. We are extremely hopeful that this guidance will not change in the coming months, but if there are further changes, we will let you know as soon as possible.

There is a page per subject attached. More general guidance can be found at the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications.) More specifically, if one of your subjects will have advance information, examples can be found here:

[guidance for teachers and students on the use of advance information for 2022](#)

[the adaptations for exams](#)

[adjustments for non-exam assessment on our website.](#)

Contingency arrangements

On Friday 12 November OfQual also released their contingency plans. This is the plan for what would happen if the examinations could not take place in the summer of 2022. Essentially, in this situation we would return to a system of Teacher Assessed Grades. For this reason, I would urge students to give of their very best in mocks, assessments and tests – as these results could be used to form their grades.

Ofqual statement:

"In the unlikely event that 2022 exams cannot go ahead, students' grades will instead be determined by their teachers, using a Teacher Assessed Grades approach. [Following joint public consultation with DfE, we have published the decisions that have been taken about this approach.](#)"

Statement from Dr Jo Saxton (Chief Regulator):

"I am guided by the best interest of students and I strongly believe they need to know and understand what all this means for them. That is why I have written a [letter for those preparing to take their exams next year.](#)"

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Grading

OfQual have released the following statement about exam grading in 2022:

"In 2022, we will aim for a grading standard that reflects a midway point between 2021 and 2019. Exam boards will set the grade boundaries so that more students get higher grades in 2022 than before the pandemic. This will provide a safety net for students who might otherwise just miss out on a higher grade. We have taken this decision to reflect that we are in a pandemic recovery period, that students' education has been disrupted and that we have made adaptations to the exams. In 2023 we aim to return to results that are in line with those in pre-pandemic years."

The following information is provided to assist you with your preparations. Please note that Art and Photography have NO formal examinations in the summer of 2022. They will be assessed entirely on the coursework element of the course.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact subject teachers, myself or Mrs Quinn, our Examinations Officer, at quinnh@st-gregorys.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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Biology GCSE

Exam board: Biology AQA 8461

QAN Code: 60187529

www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/biology-8461

Biology GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	2
Duration and content of papers	Paper 1, 1 hour 45 min, topics 1-5 Paper 2, 1 hour 45 min, topics 6-10 Both papers consist of multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response questions.
Changes for 2022	<p>Advance information on exams will be available</p> <p>Practicals can be taught by teacher demonstrations or simulations</p> <p>Students can study the required practical activities through demonstrations and simulations if it is not possible to carry them out in hands on sessions in class. However, we still recommend doing hands on sessions where possible. This will make it easier for teachers to plan and deliver the practical activities.</p> <p>It should also still enable students to learn about the practical apparatus, techniques and processes in enough depth to demonstrate their understanding in exams.</p> <p>Advance information on exams will be available</p> <p>To help students focus their exam preparation, there will be advance information on what exams will cover. This advance information will be available by 7 February 2022, or sooner if the pandemic worsens.</p> <p>In the meantime, the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) has published guidance for teachers and students on the use of advance information for 2022.</p>
Changes to NEA	N/A
Any other advice or comments:	

Chemistry GCSE

Exam board: Chemistry AQA 8462

QAN Code: 601/8757/8

www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/chemistry-8462

Chemistry GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	2
Duration and content of papers	Paper 1, 1 hour 45 min, topics 1-5 Paper 2, 1 hour 45 min, topics 6-10 Both papers consist of multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response questions.
Changes for 2022	<p>Advance information on exams will be available</p> <p>Practicals can be taught by teacher demonstrations or simulations</p> <p>Students can study the required practical activities through demonstrations and simulations if it is not possible to carry them out in hands on sessions in class. However, we still recommend doing hands on sessions where possible. This will make it easier for teachers to plan and deliver the practical activities.</p> <p>It should also still enable students to learn about the practical apparatus, techniques and processes in enough depth to demonstrate their understanding in exams.</p> <p>Advance information on exams will be available</p> <p>To help students focus their exam preparation, there will be advance information on what exams will cover. This advance information will be available by 7 February 2022, or sooner if the pandemic worsens.</p> <p>In the meantime, the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) has published guidance for teachers and students on the use of advance information for 2022.</p>
Changes to NEA	N/A
Any other advice or comments:	

Child Development Level 1/2 Cambridge National

Exam board: Child Development Level 1/2 Certificate - J818 (OCR)

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals/child-development-level-1-2-j818/moving-to-ocr/>

Child Development	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	1 Written Exam and 1 Coursework Assessment
Duration and content of papers	R018 Health and well-being for child development – 1 hour 15 minutes. This examination will be sat on 12 January 2022.
Changes for 2022	OCR have stated that there may be a reduction in the number of coursework units by one this year. This means that students will compete one written exam and complete one coursework assessment. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The exam is: R018 Health and well-being for child development• The coursework is: 019: Understand the equipment and nutritional needs of children from birth to five years.
Changes to NEA	As above
Any other advice or comments:	Students need to ensure that they are revising for the January 2022 exam – this is crucial to maximise marks from the written exam side of the course. After January 2022 we will be focusing on completing the coursework Unit.

Computing GCSE

Exam board: Computing OCR J277

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/images/225975-specification-accredited-gcse-computer-science-j276.pdf>

Computing GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	2
Duration and content of papers	2 x 90 minute papers
Changes for 2022	Formula sheet given and topic lists available from Feb 2022
Changes to NEA	There is coursework but it does not go towards final grade
Any other advice or comments:	

Dance GCSE

Exam board: Dance AQA 8236

QAN Code: 601/8549/1

www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/dance/gcse/dance-8236

Dance GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	1 written paper (40%), practical NEA (60%)
Duration and content of papers	<p>1 hour 30 minutes</p> <p>Section A – Knowledge and understanding of choreographic processes and box performing skills – Short answer questions reflecting on students' practical experience of the skills of choreography and performance.</p> <p>Section B – Critical appreciation of own work – Three 6 mark questions which ask students to reflect on their own work.</p> <p>Section C – Critical appreciation of professional works – short and 12 mark questions which refer to the six professional works in the GCSE Dance Anthology.</p>
Changes for 2022	<p>1. There will be advance information on examinations. This will be available by 7/2/22, or sooner if the pandemic worsens.</p> <p>2. The three, six-mark questions in Section B of the written paper relate directly to the student's work on the NEA component (Performance and Choreography). These three questions will reflect the changes to the NEA component appropriately, so that no student is disadvantaged by the changes.</p>
Changes to NEA	<p>Component 1: Performance</p> <p>1. New regulatory minimum timings in place for duets/trios (2 minutes)</p> <p>2. Students will only need to complete and submit one set phrase, rather than two.</p> <p>Component 1: Choreography</p> <p>1. New regulatory minimum timings in place for choreography task (solo – 1.5 minutes OR group – 2 minutes)</p>
Any other advice or comments:	

Drama GCSE

Exam board: WJEC Eduqas GCSE (9-1) in DRAMA

QAN Code: 601/8420/6

<http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/drama-and-theatre/gcse>

Drama GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	1
Duration and content of papers	<p>1 hour 30minutes</p> <p>Section A: Set Text 'Hard to Swallow' or 'Tempest' Questions include short answer and long answer essay questions based on the prepared set text.</p> <p>Section B: Live Theatre Students will be asked to respond to one of two long answer questions. This will be based on the production of Billy Elliot. Students have studied this recorded production in lessons. The scenes highlighted are also available on YouTube.</p>
Changes for 2022	There will be advance information on examinations. This will be available by 7/2/22, or sooner if the pandemic worsens.
Changes to NEA	<p>Component 1:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. New regulatory minimum timings in place for all performance routes2. Evaluation has a suggested word count of 900 words and may include notes <p>Component 2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Learners can chose to perform a monologue of between 1.5-5minutes in length.2. The minimum time for group performances has been reduced. A duologue is between 2-10minutes in length.3. Sound & Lighting candidates have had their expected cues reduced from 4 to 3.4. Costume & Makeup candidates must create one design (no change)5. Performance text must contrast to Set Text (different period/style).6. This unit will be marked by WJEC Eduqas, however, centres will not be visited by an examiner. They will be marked from audio-visual recordings.
Any other advice or comments:	EDUQAS will provide advance information about the content of the summer 2022 exam(s) in this subject. DfE has confirmed that advance information will be provided by 7 February 2022 and that the information can be deployed at other points ahead of 7 February 2022 if required. At least a week's notice will be given if DfE decides that advance information will be released earlier than 7 February 2022.

English Language GCSE

Exam board: English AQA 8700

QAN Code: 601/4292/3

www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse

English Language GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	2
Duration and content of papers	<p>Paper 1 - Creative Reading and Writing 1hr 45mins - 80 marks - 50% of GCSE Section A - Reading - 4 questions on an unseen fiction extract Section B - Writing - 1 extended writing question</p> <p>Paper 2 - Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives 1hr 45mins - 80 marks - 50% of GCSE Section A - Reading - 4 questions based on 2 linked non-fiction texts Section B - Writing - 1 extended writing question</p>
Changes for 2022	<p>No changes to duration, content or format of the papers.</p> <p>To help students focus their exam preparation, there will be advance information on what exams will cover.</p> <p>This advance information will be available by 7 February 2022, or sooner if the pandemic worsens.</p> <p>At this stage, we don't know how 'advance information' will look in English Language.</p>
Changes to NEA	N/A
Any other advice or comments:	

English Literature GCSE

Exam board: English AQA 8702

QAN Code: 601/4447/6

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702>

English Literature GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	2
Duration and content of papers	<p>Paper 1 - Choose 2 from: Paper 1P - Poetry Anthology - 30 marks Paper 1N - 19th-century novel - 'A Christmas Carol' - 30 marks Paper 1M - Modern drama - 'An Inspector Calls' - 30 marks</p> <p>Paper 2 - All compulsory Section A - Shakespeare - 'Macbeth' - 34 marks Section B - Unseen poetry - 36 marks</p> <p>[exact duration of papers tbc by AQA]</p>
Changes for 2022	<p>Choice of subject content Changes to exam structure Total marks and total exam time reduced No advance information on exams</p>
Changes to NEA	N/A
Any other advice or comments:	With reference to Paper 1 choices, we have decided to continue with 1N and 1M. Primarily, this is due to not all groups having yet covered the 1P content in sufficient depth. We will be writing to parents/carers to confirm this as soon as possible.

Enterprise & Marketing Level 1/2 Cambridge National

Exam board: Enterprise and Marketing Level 1/2 Certificate - J819 (OCR)

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals/enterprise-and-marketing-level-1-and-2-certificate-j819/>

Enterprise & Marketing	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	1 Written Exam and 1 Coursework Assessment
Duration and content of papers	R064 Enterprise and marketing concepts – 1 hour 30 minutes. This examination will be sat in 12th January 2022.
Changes for 2022	OCR have stated that there may be a reduction in the number of coursework units by one this year. This means that students will compete one written exam and complete one coursework assessment. The exam is: R064 Enterprise and marketing concepts The coursework is: R065: Design a business proposal
Changes to NEA	As above
Any other advice or comments:	Students need to ensure that they are revising for the January 2022 exam – this is crucial to maximise marks from the written exam side of the course. After January 2022 we will be focusing on completing the coursework Unit.

Food & Nutrition GCSE

Exam board: Food & Nutrition Edexcel

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/food/gcse/food-preparation-and-nutrition-8585>

Food & Nutrition GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	1
Duration and content of papers	1 hour 45 min. No changes. Worth 50% of the grade.
Changes for 2022	Just to controlled assessment
Changes to NEA	Controlled assessment worth 50% of grade
Any other advice or comments:	

French GCSE

Exam board: French AQA 8658

QAN Code: 601/8157/6

www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658

French GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	3 + Speaking assessment Students are EITHER entered for Foundation OR Higher
Duration and content of papers	Listening paper: Foundation Tier: 35 minutes (including 5 minutes' reading time) Higher Tier: 45 minutes (including 5 minutes' reading time) Speaking: Foundation Tier : 7-9 minutes (role play/photo card/conversation) Higher Tier: 10-12 minutes (role play/photo card/conversation) Reading paper: Foundation Tier: 45 minutes Higher Tier: 1 hour minutes Writing paper: Foundation Tier: 1 hour 05 Higher Tier: 1 hour 20
Changes for 2022	Optionality for Paper 4 (Writing): there will be an additional question to choose from for the 90 words questions (the overlap question on both papers Higher and Foundation) : instead of 2 choices, there will be 3 but students only DO 1) equally same for the 150 words on the Higher paper; there will be 3 choices but they only choose 1 Paper 4 (Writing) exam time extended by 5 minutes (see above) No requirement for vocabulary outside specification Speaking tests to take place as normal, with a contingency in place Advanced information on exams will be available
Changes to NEA	Teachers and students should prepare for spoken language in 2022 to be assessed in the normal way, through formal speaking tests. If, at any point before the formal speaking tests begin, it becomes clear they cannot or should not be taken, Ofqual will implement the contingency arrangements.
Any other advice or comments:	Advance information will be available by 7 February 2022, or sooner if the pandemic worsens.

Geography GCSE

Exam board: WJEC Eduqas Specification A

QAN Code: 601/8152/7

<https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/j0zo4wbh/eduqas-gcse-geography-a-spec-from-2016-e-24-01-20.pdf>

Geography GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	3
Duration and content of papers	<p>Paper 1: Changing Physical and Human Landscapes 1 hour 30 minutes; 35% of qualification Section A: Core Theme 1 (Landscapes and Physical Processes) and Core Theme 2 (Rural-urban Links). Section B: Theme 4 (Coastal Hazards and their Management).</p> <p>Paper 2: Environmental and Development Issues 1 hour 30 minutes; 35% of qualification Section A: Core Theme 6 (Development and Resource Issues). Section B: Theme 7 (Social Development Issues)</p> <p>Paper 3: Applied Fieldwork Enquiry 1 hour 30 minutes; 30% of qualification Part A will assess approaches to fieldwork representation and analysis. Part B will assess how fieldwork enquiry may be used to investigate geography's conceptual frameworks. Part C will assess the application of broad geographical concepts to a wider UK context and assess the ability to make and justify a decision.</p>
Changes for 2022	<p>Theme 5: Weather, Climate and Ecosystems will not be assessed as part of paper 2.</p> <p>There is no requirement for the school to make a declaration to the exam board confirming that we have provided all students with the opportunity to undertake a mandated number of occasions or days of fieldwork activities outside of the school or college premises for GCSE Geography.</p> <p>For GCSE Geography, the exam board will not ask questions in written examinations about fieldwork that students have undertaken themselves.</p>
Changes to NEA	N/A
Any other advice or comments:	The format and wording of the questions will remain exactly the same, as will the mark schemes for each question. The specification content for each individual theme will also remain the same.

German GCSE

Exam board: German AQA 8668

QAN Code: 601/8159/X

www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/german-8668

German GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	3 + Speaking assessment Students are EITHER entered for Foundation OR Higher
Duration and content of papers	Listening paper: Foundation Tier: 35 minutes (including 5 minutes' reading time) Higher Tier: 45 minutes (including 5 minutes' reading time) Speaking: Foundation Tier : 7-9 minutes (role play/photo card/conversation) Higher Tier: 10-12 minutes (role play/photo card/conversation) Reading paper: Foundation Tier: 45 minutes Higher Tier: 1 hour minutes Writing paper: Foundation Tier: 1 hour 05 Higher Tier: 1 hour 20
Changes for 2022	Optionality for Paper 4 (Writing): there will be an additional question to choose from for the 90 words questions (the overlap question on both papers Higher and Foundation) : instead of 2 choices, there will be 3 but students only DO 1) equally same for the 150 words on the Higher paper; there will be 3 choices but they only choose 1 Paper 4 (Writing) exam time extended by 5 minutes (see above) No requirement for vocabulary outside specification Speaking tests to take place as normal, with a contingency in place Advanced information on exams will be available
Changes to NEA	Teachers and students should prepare for spoken language in 2022 to be assessed in the normal way, through formal speaking tests. If, at any point before the formal speaking tests begin, it becomes clear they cannot or should not be taken, Ofqual will implement the contingency arrangements.
Any other advice or comments:	Advance information will be available by 7 February 2022, or sooner if the pandemic worsens.

History GCSE

Exam board: History AQA 8145

QAN Code: 601/8217/9

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/history/specifications/AQA-8145-SP-2016.PDF>

History GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	2
Duration and content of papers	<p>Paper 1 - Understanding the modern world: 2 hours 84 marks (including 4 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar) 50% of GCSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Germany, 1890–1945: Democracy and dictatorshipConflict and tension between East and West, 1945–1972 <p>Paper 2 - Shaping the nation: 2 hours 84 marks (including 4 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar) 50% of GCSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Britain: Health and the people: c1000 to the present dayElizabethan England, c1568–1603
Changes for 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Students will only answer questions on three out of four studies. Students will be required to learn:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Germany, 1890–1945: Democracy and DictatorshipConflict and tension between East and West, 1945–1972Britain: Health and the people: c1000 to the present daySpelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) marks reduced from 8 to 4. SPaG marks removed from Britain: Health and the people unit of paper 2.Total exam time for GCSE History reduced from four hours to three hours due to students only taking three units in 2022, instead of four. Total exam marks available reduced from 168 to 124 marks.
Changes to NEA	N/A
Any other advice or comments:	The format and wording of the questions will remain exactly the same, as will the mark schemes for each question. The specification content for each individual theme will also remain the same.

Mandarin GCSE

Exam board: Mandarin AQA 8673

QAN Code: 603/1210/5

www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/chinese-spoken-mandarin-8673

Mandarin GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	3 + Speaking assessment Students are EITHER entered for Foundation OR Higher
Duration and content of papers	Listening paper: Foundation Tier: 35 minutes (including 5 minutes' reading time) Higher Tier: 45 minutes (including 5 minutes' reading time) Speaking: Foundation Tier : 7-9 minutes (role play/photo card/conversation) Higher Tier: 10-12 minutes (role play/photo card/conversation) Reading paper: Foundation Tier: 45 minutes Higher Tier: 1 hour minutes Writing paper: Foundation Tier: 1 hour 05 Higher Tier: 1 hour 20
Changes for 2022	Optionality for Paper 4 (Writing): there will be an additional question to choose from for the 90 words questions (the overlap question on both papers Higher and Foundation) : instead of 2 choices, there will be 3 but students only DO 1) equally same for the 150 words on the Higher paper; there will be 3 choices but they only choose 1 Paper 4 (Writing) exam time extended by 5 minutes (see above) No requirement for vocabulary outside specification Speaking tests to take place as normal, with a contingency in place Advanced information on exams will be available
Changes to NEA	Teachers and students should prepare for spoken language in 2022 to be assessed in the normal way, through formal speaking tests. If, at any point before the formal speaking tests begin, it becomes clear they cannot or should not be taken, Ofqual will implement the contingency arrangements.
Any other advice or comments:	Advance information will be available by 7 February 2022, or sooner if the pandemic worsens.

Maths GCSE

Exam board: Maths Edexcel 1MA0

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/mathematics-2015.html>

Maths GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	3
Duration and content of papers	90 mins (80 marks). Paper 1 - non calc, Paper 2 & 3 Calc.
Changes for 2022	Formula sheet given and topic lists available from Feb 2022
Changes to NEA	N/A
Any other advice or comments:	

Music GCSE

Exam board: Edexcel 1MU0

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/music-2016.html>

Music GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	1
Duration and content of papers	1 hour 45 minutes 22 June 2022
Changes for 2022	Students will be told in advance some of the topic areas that will be included on the exam papers, helping them to manage their exam preparation. This information will be issued in the spring term.
Changes to NEA	<p>Component 1: Students are required to perform 1 or more pieces of music with a reduced combined time duration of at least 1.5 minutes. The current requirement is 1 ensemble and 1 solo performance. Performance will be marked out of 30 marks (instead of 60 marks) to reflect the reduction in time and number of performances. This will then be scaled to ensure the performance component maintains the 30% weight towards the qualification grade. There is a requirement to submit complete and unedited recordings of the live performance, and where available, the score or lead sheet for that performance.</p> <p>Component 2: Students are required to compose 1 or more pieces of music with a reduced combined time duration of at least 2 minutes. Candidates are normally required to submit two compositions; this is being reduced to one composition. The composition will be marked out of 30 marks (instead of 60 marks) to reflect the reduction in time and number of compositions. The component will be scaled to maintain the 30% weighting towards the qualification grade. We will not require candidates to respond to a brief set by Pearson this year. Instead, candidates must submit a free composition. This will be internally marked and externally moderated.</p>
Any other advice or comments:	Performance Date: Thursday 10 March 2022 Composition Deadline: Monday 4 April 2022

Physical Education GCSE

Exam board: Physical Education AQA 8582

QAN Code: 601/8279/9

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/physical-education/gcse/physical-education-8582>

Physical Education GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	2
Duration and content of papers	<p>Paper 1, 1 hour 15 min, topics: Applied anatomy and physiology Movement analysis Physical training Use of data</p> <p>Paper 2, 1 hour 15 min, topics: Sports psychology Socio-cultural influences Health, fitness and well-being Use of data</p> <p>Both papers consist of a mixture of multiple choice/objective test questions, short answer questions and extended answer questions.</p>
Changes for 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. There will be advance information on examinations. This will be available by 7/2/22, or sooner if the pandemic worsens.2. Students will be assessed in two activities rather than three.3. Moderation visits are planned as normal, however, we recommend that you collect video evidence of your child's performances wherever possible.4. Supplementary forms of assessment evidence will be accepted.
Changes to NEA	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Students will be assessed in two activities rather than three. These can be two individual activities, two team activities or one of each.2. The overall weighting of the NEA will remain at 40% of the total qualification. The NEA will be marked out of a total of 75 marks (25 marks for each activity and 25 marks for the written element).3. There are no planned changes to the performance analysis element of the NEA.4. We recognise that it has been difficult for students to demonstrate competitive situations in some sports. For summer 2022 we will be accepting supplementary forms of evidence to help support assessments.
Any other advice or comments:	

Physics GCSE

Exam board: Physics AQA 8463

QAN Code: 601/8751/7

www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/physics-8463

Physics GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	2
Duration and content of papers	<p>Paper 1, 1 hour 45 min, topics 1-4 (Chapters 1-7 in Oxford GCSE Physics Textbook)</p> <p>Paper 2, 1 hour 45 min, topics 5-8 (Chapters 8-16 in Oxford GCSE Physics Textbook)</p> <p>Both papers consist of multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response questions.</p>
Changes for 2022	<p>https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/physics-8463/changes-for-2022</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Practicals can be taught by teacher demonstration or simulation.2. Revised equation sheet <p>https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/physics/AQA-8463-ES-INS.PDF</p> <p>There will be advance information on examinations. This will be available by 7/2/22, or sooner if the pandemic worsens.</p>
Changes to NEA	N/A
Any other advice or comments:	Y11 Mock exams in November will use the revised equation sheet.

Religious Studies GCSE

Exam board: Eduqas Syllabus B

QAN Code: 601/8879/0

www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/religious-studies/gcse/

Religious Studies GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	3
Duration and content of papers	Paper 1 , 1 hr 30 min, Origins and Meaning/ Good and Evil Paper 2 , 1 hr 30 min, Life and Death/ Sin and Forgiveness Paper 3 , 1 hr – Judaism Beliefs and Teachings/ Practices
Changes for 2022	In line with the decisions made by the DfE there will be advance information provided about the focus of the content of the summer 2022 exam(s) in this subject. DfE has confirmed that advance information will be provided by 7 February 2022 at the latest.
Changes to NEA	N/A
Any other advice or comments:	Revision guides are available to purchase from Ms Spindler in school or online ISBN: 1510418350

Spanish GCSE

Exam board: Spanish AQA 8698

QAN Code: 601/8160/6

www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/spanish-8698

Spanish GCSE	2022 Examinations
Number of papers	3 + Speaking assessment Students are EITHER entered for Foundation OR Higher
Duration and content of papers	Listening paper: Foundation Tier: 35 minutes (including 5 minutes' reading time) Higher Tier: 45 minutes (including 5 minutes' reading time) Speaking: Foundation Tier : 7-9 minutes (role play/photo card/conversation) Higher Tier: 10-12 minutes (role play/photo card/conversation) Reading paper: Foundation Tier: 45 minutes Higher Tier: 1 hour minutes Writing paper: Foundation Tier: 1 hour 05 Higher Tier: 1 hour 20
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