

Changes to examinations for summer 2021



Subject	Changes made
English Literature	-Poetry anthology removed
English language	-Video of spoken language assessment not required -Teacher can assess spoken language on a one to one, or small group basis. No requirement for an audience
Maths	No changes
Food	No NEA1 and the food exam for NEA2 is now only two dishes in three hours. Written exam remains the same.
Drama	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Live theatre review can now be a review of a pre recorded professional show. 2. The devised performance can now be performed as a monologue rather than working in a big group. 3. All written coursework and the written exam remain the same.
Science	No changes to the exams Required practical activities can now be taught via teacher demonstration/ video recording/ animated simulation
Design and technology	Reduction in the number of marks given for making and evaluating in the NEA. Students can make prototypes and are no longer required to make their final product NEA will still count as 50% of the overall GCSE qualification. No changes to the examination (50%)
Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Engineering skills section has been reduced from 15 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. ● there's no expectation to test a final made prototype, but students should test their prototype designs. ● NEA will still count as 40% of the overall GCSE qualification. ● No changes to the examination (50%)
GCSE Business	No change
BTEC Tech Award in Enterprise (Business)	No change for exams The grade for Component 1 has been claimed so there is no need for students to complete this coursework unit

GCSE Computer Science	No change
Cambridge iMedia (ICT)	Removal of one unit of work (out of 4) - To be decided

Art & Design	The externally set assignment (exam unit) has been removed. Students will now have their grade based entirely on their coursework portfolio, which will be marked by their Art teachers and externally moderated by AQA.
MFL	<p>Speaking</p> <p>Students' speaking skills will be assessed by teachers during the course of study and the endorsement level of pass, merit or distinction will be reported alongside the 9-1 grade.</p> <p>Assessment criteria to be advised.</p> <p>Writing</p> <p>There will be more optionality in the Writing components, so the 2021 Writing papers will include an additional optional question for the overlap question at both tiers (Question 4/Question 1) and for Higher tier Question 2. This is so students can answer on their preferred theme. For each optional question, the theme will be given in the introduction to the question in the question paper.</p> <p>Foundation tier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be an additional option for Question 4. <p>Higher tier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be an additional option for Question 1. • There will be an additional option for Question 2. • the Foundation tier Writing exam will last for one hour and five minutes • the Higher tier Writing exam will last for one hour and 20 minutes.

Dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students perform one set phrase instead of the original two - Performance in a group can be done as a solo and time limit shortened - Choreography time limit shortened - No changes to the written paper
GCSE Film studies	<p>No changes to examinations</p> <p>NEA coursework- Students now have the additional option to create a hand drawn or digitally photographed storyboard of 20-30 shots</p>

History	<p>Students will sit these papers:</p> <p>Paper 1 - Medicine</p> <p>Paper 2 - Henry VIII</p> <p>Paper 3 - Weimar and Nazi Germany</p> <p>The American West topic will no longer be tested.</p>
Geography	<p>No changes except students are not able to go on fieldwork and so questions about their own fieldwork experiences will no longer be included.</p>
Physical Education	<p>GCSE PE -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 sports for assessment instead of 3. This is to help those students who can't access a full range of sports and to make up time within school to teach the full spec. ● This can now be any combination of team/Individual sports which is different to before. ● There will be no moderation but practical video evidence will be required. ● Coursework remains the same. ● Further advice will be given regarding the course content but as yet this remains the full spec. <p>BTEC PE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unit 6 Leadership - is completed and will not be moderated by Edexcel. ● Unit 2 to be completed by the end of November. ● Unit 1 exam will be taken by Xmas holidays ● Unit 3 will be started in January. ● There is no further guidance on units or coursework requirements to be submitted at this stage. ● All moderation will stay the same with samples of finished coursework then sent by post, approx Feb-March.