

GCSE Subject + Board	Changes confirmed by each exam board (October 2020)
<b>Art and Design</b> (Fine Art) AQA- 8202	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will usually complete two assessed units, the first is undertaken in lesson time and counts for 60% of the final grade and the second counts for 40% and is taken under exam conditions over 16 hours of lesson time.</li> <li>For 2020/21 <b>only the first unit will be taken</b>, counting for 100% of the grade.</li> <li>This will be marked by staff in school and moderated either in school or by digital submission (to be confirmed).</li> <li>It has not been confirmed if any changes will be made to how this is marked.</li> </ul>
<b>Art and design</b> (Photography) AQA- 8202	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will usually complete two assessed units, the first is undertaken in lesson time and counts for 60% of the final grade and the second counts for 40% and is taken under exam conditions over 16 hours of lesson time.</li> <li>For 2020/21 <b>only the first unit will be taken</b>, counting for 100% of the grade.</li> <li>This will be marked by staff in school and moderated either in school or by digital submission (to be confirmed).</li> <li>It has not been confirmed if any changes will be made to how this is marked.</li> </ul>
<b>Business Studies</b> Edexcel- 1BS0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>No changes</b> to either the curriculum or to the method of assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>Computer Science</b> AQA- 8520	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>No changes</b> to either the curriculum or to the method of assessment.</li> <li>The Programming component still carries no marks and still must be completed, but can now be done in the students own time.</li> </ul>
<b>Drama</b> AQA- 8261	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>No changes</b> to the written exam (Component 1).</li> <li><b>Component 2</b> now includes being able to complete a monologue, has been adjusted to one and a half minutes (monologue) and two minutes (duologue/group). Alternative evidence can also be submitted if a final recording is not possible to make.</li> <li><b>Component 3</b> is now examined by post (rather than by an examiner visit) and there is a reduction in the number of performances required from two to one. The timing has also changed to one and a half minutes (monologue) and two minutes (duologue/group). Alternative evidence can be submitted if a final recording is not possible to make.</li> </ul>
<b>Design and Technology</b> 3D Design WJEC Educas- C655QS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will usually complete two assessed units, the first is undertaken in lesson time and counts for 60% of the final grade and the second counts for 40% and is taken under exam conditions over 16 hours of lesson time.</li> <li>For 2020/21 <b>only the first unit will be taken</b>, counting for 100% of the grade.</li> <li>Each students portfolio will be submitted for moderation digitally.</li> </ul>
<b>Design and Technology</b> Textile Design WJEC Educas- C655QS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will usually complete two assessed units, the first is undertaken in lesson time and counts for 60% of the final grade and the second counts for 40% and is taken under exam conditions over 16 hours of lesson time.</li> <li>For 2020/21 <b>only the first unit will be taken</b>, counting for 100% of the grade.</li> <li>Each students portfolio will be submitted for moderation digitally.</li> </ul>
<b>English Language</b> AQA-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>No changes</b> to the curriculum content or to the method of assessment.</li> <li>No requirement to submit a sample of Spoken Language assessments.</li> <li>Spoken Language assessment can take place in front of a single teacher who can represent an 'audience'.</li> <li>Spoken Language assessment can be conducted by the teacher at any time during the course and by virtual means.</li> </ul>
<b>English Literature</b> AQA-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Curriculum reduction</b> based on each schools choice of any two of Anthology of poetry, Modern text or a 19th century novel; we have chosen the Modern Text and 19th Century novel.</li> <li>Shakespeare and 'unseen poetry' will still remain compulsory.</li> <li>The 2 papers written will be re-structured to account for the above changes.</li> </ul>
<b>Food and Catering</b> WJEC Educas- 5569	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No exam board confirmation yet; expected in November.</li> <li>OFQUAL have suggested the removal of 1 unit and a reduction in both the time needed and the number of dishes required for the second assessed unit.</li> </ul>

<p><b>French</b> Edexcel- 1FR0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The spoken language assessment will become a teacher endorsement using the 3-point scale 'pass, merit or distinction.</li> <li>An optional question may be introduced into the written exam components.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Geography</b> AQA- 8035</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will not need to complete two occasions of fieldwork.</li> <li>Students will not need to answer questions relating to <i>their own fieldwork experience</i> (Question 5 will be removed from 8035/3 Paper 3).</li> <li>AQA are still finalising the details for these assessments, including the length of time students will have to complete Paper 3, given the reduction in marks, and the balance of 'spelling and grammar' marks across the papers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Health and Social Care</b> OCR- J811</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No planned changes to the content.</li> <li>Potential reduction in the number of units required this academic year.</li> <li>Potential to award a grade for units not complete last year due to school closures.</li> </ul>
<p><b>History</b> Edexcel- 1H10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Reduction in curriculum content.</u></b></li> <li>Assessed on a compulsory modern depth study, along with a choice of two of the remaining three components. We will be studying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper 1 Thematic study with Historic environment 'Crime and punishment'.</li> <li>Paper 2 Superpower Relations 1944-90.</li> <li>Paper 3 Modern depth study 'Weimar and Nazi Germany'</li> </ul> </li> <li>No changes to the content of any of the components or to their assessment</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mathematics</b> Edexcel- 1MA1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>No changes</u></b> to either curriculum or methods of assessment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Media Studies</b> AQA- 8572</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The NEA (coursework) can be the standard submission of a final product or a prototype or mock-up with supporting evidence.</li> <li>NEA (coursework) start-points for students are not changing.</li> <li>AQA will provide guidance on what constitutes a prototype/mock-up and what supporting evidence is appropriate.</li> <li>The assessment criteria will not change.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Music</b> Edexcel- 1MU0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only one performance is now needed and one composition, instead of 2.</li> <li>The duration of the performance requirement has been reduced.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PE</b> AQA- 8582</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment will be in two activities rather than three, which can be two individual activities, two team activities or one of each.</li> <li>Examiners will not visit school to moderate work.</li> <li>There are <b><u>no planned changes to the written element</u></b> of the NEA (coursework), which is the performance analysis assessment.</li> <li>AQA are still working out the detail of what evidence will be required, considering the restriction related to Coronavirus and will issue guidance soon.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Science Trilogy</b> AQA- 8464</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>No changes</u></b> to curriculum or assessment.</li> <li>Students can study the required practical activities through the use of demonstrations and simulations, if it's not possible to do them all.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Science Separates</b> AQA- 8641,2 and 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>No changes</u></b> to curriculum or assessment.</li> <li>Students can study the required practical activities through the use of demonstrations and simulations, if it's not possible to do them all.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sociology</b> AQA- 8192</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>No changes</u></b> to either curriculum content or to assessment arrangements.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Spanish</b> Edexcel- 1SP0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The spoken language assessment will become a teacher endorsement using the 3-point scale 'pass, merit or distinction'.</li> <li>An optional question may be introduced into the written exam components.</li> </ul>

**What we don't yet know:**

- If the exam series will be pushed back; 3-weeks has been mentioned but not confirmed.
- What happens if the school is not open in or around the exam period.
- What happens if a year group or student is not in school in or around the exam period.
- What happens if students miss significant amount of school due to Coronavirus prior to exams.
- If any of the confirmed changes above will be subject to further changes.