

Assessment Arrangements 2021/22



Information For Parents



Current Situation Regarding Examinations

- Public Examinations are scheduled to take place in 2021/22
- GCSE November Examinations
 - English Language Unit 1 - Friday 26 November
 - Mathematics Unit 3/4 - Monday 29 November
- Public Health/COVID impact in 2021/22
 - Awarding Bodies will have contingency arrangements in place in the event of public examinations being cancelled in 2021/22
 - **Internal school examinations** are taking place in December (6 - 17 December)
 - **These examinations are very important** to inform learning and if public examinations are cancelled, the results will be used to assist in awarding grades for Years 12, 13 and 14 in Summer 2022.





Year 11

- Pupils will be **examined in all units** of their subject specifications
- Should the public health situation permit
 - The vast majority of examinations will take place in Summer 2023
 - **Seven subjects** are entering pupils for examination in one unit of their specification in **Summer 2022**: Business Studies, Digital Technology, English Language, English Literature, Geography, Religious Studies (Short Course), Technology & Design
- A few subjects are undertaking **Controlled Assessment Tasks** in Year 11
 - Art & Design
 - English Language
 - English Literature
 - Motor Vehicle & Road User Studies
 - Technology & Design





GCSE (Year 12), AS and A2 Pupils

- In the majority of GCSE and GCE qualifications, CCEA has defined one unit of assessment which may be omitted for candidates completing the qualification in Summer 2022
- This unit omission is optional, and the unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units. We expect this number will be low
- Decisions on optional unit entries are not required until early 2022; assessment evidence collated before then along with teacher professional guidance will enable informed decisions to be made
- AS grades issued in Summer 2021 will not contribute to A Level grades in Summer 2022
- AS grades issued in Summer 2022 will contribute to A Level grades in Summer 2023



Exceptions - GCSE (Year 12)

- In **Mathematics**, the **optional unit omission is not available** - pupils will be examined in all units
- In **Food And Nutrition**, the **optional unit omission is not available** - however there are reduced requirements in the controlled assessment task (Component 2)
- In **Music**, the **optional unit omission is not available** - however there are reduced requirements in Component 1 (removal of ensemble group performance) and Component 2 (removal of composition 2)
- In **Motor Vehicle And Road User Studies**, pupils will be examined in all units (including Unit 3 - Practical Riding Activity)
- In **Religious Studies** - pupils are permitted the option of completing Unit 5 (Examination) and Unit 6 (Controlled Assessment) for the second unit, as an alternative to a second examination
- In some subjects, e.g. Science, Languages and Geography, whilst there is an optional unit omission, all course content must still be covered for the mandatory units



Exceptions - AS/A Level Unit Omissions

- In some subjects the **optional unit omission is not available**. Instead, the **requirements of the internally assessed tasks have been reduced**.
 - At **AS**: Software Systems Development, Sports Science And The Active Leisure Industry, Technology And Design
 - At **A2**: Art & Design, Digital Technology, Health And Social Care, Nutrition And Food Science, Software Systems Development, Sports Science And The Active Leisure Industry, Technology And Design
- In **AS and A Level Religious Studies**, pupils will be taught two units, but will have the choice of which unit to be assessed in
- In certain subjects, e.g. Geography, whilst a unit omission is available, all of the course content must still be covered for the mandatory unit(s)



Exceptions - AQA, OCR and WJEC Subjects

- The guidance in this presentation applies to CCEA subjects only
- For AS/A Level Psychology (AQA), AS/A Level Drama (WJEC), GCSE Computer Science (OCR) and GCSE Economics (OCR), the following arrangements will apply
 - There will be no unit omissions available
 - Advance information will be provided by exam boards about the focus of content within a specification to be assessed in Summer 2022. This will be communicated to schools by **7 February**



Year 11 - Public Examinations/Controlled Assessments



Full document is attached to the parent/pupil app message - see Page 1 and 2

Year 11 Public Examination/Controlled Assessment Tasks 2021-2022

Subject	Unit being assessed through <u>public examination paper</u> in Summer 2022	Controlled assessment task/practicals/orals	Controlled assessment task time frame
Art and Design (CCEA)	-	Component 1- Part A Exploratory Portfolio Component 1- Part B Investigating the Creative and Cultural Industries	September to February March through to December in Year 12
Biology (Double Award) (CCEA)	-	-	-
Biology (Triple Award) (CCEA)	-	-	-
Business Studies (CCEA)	Unit 1 - Starting a Business	-	-
Chemistry (Double Award) (CCEA)	-	-	-
Chemistry (Triple Award) (CCEA)	-	-	-
Computer Science (OCR)	-	-	-
Digital Technology (CCEA)	Unit 1 - Digital Technology	-	-



Year 12 - Public Examinations/Controlled Assessments

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Year 12 Public Examination/Controlled Assessment Tasks 2021-2022

Subject	<u>Mandatory</u> unit being assessed through <u>public examination</u> in November 2021	<u>Mandatory</u> units being assessed through <u>public examination</u> in Spring/Summer 2022	<u>Optional</u> units for assessment through public examination in Summer 2022	Controlled assessment tasks/ practicals/orals	Controlled assessment tasks timeframe
Art and Design (CCEA)	-	Component 1- Part A & B	Component 2 - ESA	Component 1 - Part B	September - April
Biology (Double Award) (CCEA)	-	Unit B1 - Cells, Living processes and Biodiversity Unit B2 - Body Systems, Genetics, Microorganisms and Health	Unit 7 - Biology Practical Skills	-	-
Biology (Triple Award) (CCEA)	-	Unit 1 Cells, Living processes and Biodiversity Unit 2 Body Systems, Genetics, Microorganisms and Health	Unit 3 Practical skills booklet A & Booklet B	-	-
Business Studies (CCEA)	-	Unit 2 - Developing A Business	Unit 1 - Starting A Business	Unit 3 - Planning a Business (Synoptic)	January - March



Year 13/14 - Public Examinations/Controlled Assessments

Year 14 Public Examination/Coursework Tasks 2021-2022

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Subject	<u>Mandatory</u> units being assessed through public examination in Summer 2022	<u>Optional</u> units for assessment through public examination in Summer 2022	Coursework tasks	Coursework tasks timeframe
Art and Design (CCEA)	A2 1 - Personal and Critical Investigation A2 2 - Thematic Outcome	-	A2 1 - Personal and Critical Investigation A2 2 - Thematic Outcome	September to January February to April
Biology (CCEA)	A2 1 - Physiology, Coordination & Control and Ecosystems A2 2 - Biochemistry, Genetics & Evolutionary Trends	A2 3 - Practical Skills in Biology	-	-
Business Studies (CCEA)	A2 1 - Strategic Decision Making	A2 2 - The Competitive Business Environment	-	-
Chemistry (CCEA)	A2 1 - Further Physical and Organic Chemistry A2 2 - Analytical, Transition Metals, Electrochemistry and Organic Nitrogen Chemistry	A2 3 - Further Practical Chemistry	-	-