

## Exam Board Changes Summer 2022

In view of lost learning time over the last 2 years the following changes have been made to examination board specifications and exams for the academic year 2021-22 only.

If you are unsure please contact your child's teacher to request further information and we will update information as we receive it.

### GCSE Fine Art and Ceramics

Students will complete Component 1 (Portfolio) only.

This means that students won't need to start or complete Component 2.

### Business GCSE

There has been an announcement that there will be reduced content. This means that some topics will not come up on the examination papers. However, we will not find out until the Spring term (January-April) what these reduced topics are.

### BTEC Enterprise

This qualification is split into 3 parts. There has been changes made to 2 of these parts.

Component 1 - a piece of controlled assessment was disrupted because of Covid lockdowns so a unit TAG grade will be given for this based on the quality of what they produced for this unit when in school.

Component 2 - a piece of controlled assessment has had a task dropped from it, so student have to produce less. This means students only have to complete research on a business idea, a business plan and a pitch of the idea.

Component 3 - an external examination on promotion and finance is unchanged.

### Hospitality and Catering

Unit 1 written exam.

Students have a TAG banked. They will sit the exam again at the end of Year 11 and the highest grade will count towards the final grade awarded.

Unit 2 Controlled Assessment

Students must still suggest a range of four dishes, plan two of these in detail but are only required to prepare and cook **one** dish with accompaniments in their final practical exam.

## AQA GCSE Drama

For scripted performance, candidates are now required to perform one section of a play where previously it was two.

## English

Because of the ongoing impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic, there are some changes to how GCSE English Literature will be assessed in 2022. There is a reduction in the required subject content for GCSE English Literature and therefore your child will not be assessed on the Poetry Anthology in summer 2022.

## French GCSE

In the French GCSE, students will be offered a wider choice of questions to answer in the written paper.

At Foundation Tier, the final longer essay question will have a choice of 3 questions which represent each of the available themes (Identity and Culture / Local, National, International and Global Areas of Interest / Current and Future Study and Employment).

At Higher Tier, both of the essay questions will allow students a choice of 3 questions which represent each of the available themes (Identity and Culture / Local, National, International and Global Areas of Interest / Current and Future Study and Employment).

## GCSE Design and Technology

**No change to Component 1: Design and Technology in the 21st Century Written examinations: 2 hours 50% of qualification** A mix of short answer, structured and extended writing questions assessing candidates' knowledge and understanding of:

- technical principles
- designing and making principles along with their ability to:
- analyse and evaluate design decisions and wider issues in design and technology.

**Component 2: Design and make task Non-exam assessment: WJEC Eduqas will accept:**

- mock-ups and/or clear/detailed intentions of prototypes to address the 'manufacturing a prototype' section of the NEA assessment criteria
- demonstration of using machinery/tools/processes.

**This linear qualification will be available in summer 2022 only.**

## Maths GCSE

Students will receive formula sheets for maths. It has not been communicated yet, as to what this will be.

## Music

The changes are as follows:

Level1/2

Unit 1 - any student who missed the January exam and was marked absent will receive a teacher assessed grade. This will be based on previous mock exams and a mock exam on Wednesday 3rd November.

Unit 2 or Unit 7- one of these units will have a reduction of assessment objectives and only 1 assessment objective will be assessed, the full unit will be taught. This will be decided as the course progresses and how covid continues to affect either student or staff absence.

## PE

GCSE PE: Students will be assessed in two activities rather than three. These can be two individual activities, two team activities or one of each.

## Dance

How your child is being assessed in each component with 2021/2022 changes

Component 1- Grade will be a UTAG grade based upon work completed for this unit up to July 2021

Component 2- students will only be assessed in the practical performance element of the unit and will not need to write about their developments.

Component 3- This exam unit will at present stay the same as always and preparation will start in January 2022.

## GCSE Combined Trilogy Science and Triple Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Advance information on exams will be available from February 2022.

All the equations needed in Physics will be given to the student in the exam papers.

Some practicals may have not been completed but staff can demonstrate/use visual simulations to model the practicals.

A free comprehensive playlist is available using the following link-

<https://www.youtube.com/c/MalmesburyEducation>

## Humanities

Currently waiting for information from WJEC, we will update when available.