

English Language AQA 8700

There are no changes in the summer examinations for English Language for students. All units of the course will be covered and will be examined in the conventional manner through two papers:

- Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Writing and Reading
- Paper 2: Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives

The exam board has offered alternative methods for recording and submitting grades for the Non-Examined Assessment of Spoken Language (video evidence is not needed and we can assess this virtually if required). However, we hope to still assess this in class as normal at the end of Spring Term II.

English Literature AQA 8702

The exam board have confirmed that we have the option to remove one of the areas of study for English Literature. Revised examinations are as follows:

- **Paper 1** will consist of the 19th Century Novel (Robert Louis Stevenson's *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*) and Modern Prose / Drama (Kazuo Ishiguro's *Never Let Me Go*).
- Paper 2 will consist of Shakespeare (*Macbeth*) and **Unseen Poetry**.

Students **will not be assessed** on the **Anthology of Poetry** (Power and Conflict Poetry).

Food Prep & Nutrition GCSE AQA

This year, the exam board have cut NEA 1 (Food Investigation) and have determined that NEA 2 (Food Preparation) will be worth 50% of the final GCSE grade. The tasks for NEA 2 have been released early so centres can make a start earlier and students are required to make two dishes, rather than three, in the final 3-hour practical assessment. Students are encouraged to demonstrate as many 'high-level' skills during this 3-hour assessment. The written exam, worth the remaining 50%, will remain unchanged, covering the full subject content as outlined in the specification.

Geography AQA

All course content in both Human and Physical Geography will still be examined in the usual ways within the Paper 1 and Paper 2 exams (both 1 hour 30 minutes). In a change to normal assessment, students will not be assessed in Paper 3 on their own fieldwork, but will instead need to apply their understanding of the fieldwork process in order to answer questions relating to unfamiliar investigations presented within the exam. It is therefore essential that all students carefully review the route of enquiry followed within Geography fieldwork (covered during work on the Carding Mill Valley) in order to perform well on this section. In addition, the pre-released materials for Paper 3 take on additional importance as they will constitute a larger proportion of this paper. Once released in late March, students should spend time considering the materials in depth, utilising the provided supporting materials.

History AQA 8145

As indicated in the front cover of all of your booklets, there are four topics studied across two papers (Modern World and Shaping the Nation/Britain) for GCSE History. Ofqual has recognised the challenging amount of content required for History GCSE and has confirmed that they are reducing

the topics from four to three for 2021. Therefore, you will be required to write exams on the Normans, Health and Conflict in Asia (Korea and Vietnam). We have dropped the America topic for 2021. We will be studying Conflict in Asia in great depth and with plenty of exam practice until February and then using the time remaining to do thorough revision of the Norman and Health topics taught in Year 10. There will be no changes to the questions themselves or the associated mark schemes, however marks for SPaG (Spelling, punctuation and Grammar) will be retained on the Conflict in Asia unit and removed from the Health paper. There will also be a reduction in time from four total hours of exam, to three hours (one hour per paper), however the format of these exams (e.g. will they be sat in one three-hour block, or separate hour blocks) has not yet been confirmed.

Maths Edexcel

There are no changes to the GCSE Business Studies exams at present.

Modern Languages AQA

All units of the course must be covered and will be examined in the conventional manner through the writing, reading and listening papers. In a change to normal practice which allows students only two choices, in the written paper students will choose to answer one of *three* different questions. The speaking exam will be carried out and assessed by the class teacher during Year 11 and students will receive an endorsement (pass, merit or distinction) in addition to a final exam grade. The final exam grade will, however, be based purely on a student's performance in the writing, reading and listening papers and performance in the speaking exam will have no direct impact on this grade. We advise students prepare well for the speaking exam, nevertheless, as thorough preparation for this can only support strong achievement in the written papers.

PE AQA

There are no planned changes to the written element of the course, including the performance analysis assessment which is currently being completed. This is still a requirement of the specifications. We understand that the ongoing public health restrictions will cause some very real challenges, and will be a barrier to both playing sports and collecting evidence. We know that social distancing measures may make certain activities difficult or even impossible for the time being. We also appreciate that students will have had little or no opportunity to play and acquire evidence of competition in their preferred sports over the last few months. Therefore, students will be assessed in two activities rather than three and these can be two individual activities, two team activities or one of each. This year the moderating normally done in schools through an external examiner will be done by post. There'll be no moderation visits and work will be moderated using video evidence of students' performance. Those performers that are able to return to competitive activity should look to try and build up a bank of video evidence over the coming months to support their practical assessment. Video scripts can be collected from the PE Department to aid in the recording of content.

Religious Studies AQA

All units of the course must be covered and will be examined in the conventional manner through the completion of two written papers. Paper 1 will be on the Christian and Buddhist Beliefs and

Practices that were studied in Year 10. Paper 2 will be on the 4 ethical themes studied in Year 11 and includes Christian and Buddhist views on Peace and Conflict, Crime, The existence of God and Revelation and Human Rights.

Sciences

Edexcel

All units of the course must be covered and will be examined in the conventional manner through the written papers. There will still be two papers for each of the three Science disciplines (six in total), paper duration will continue to be 1 hour 10 minutes for the Combined Science route and 1 hour 45 minutes for the Separate Science route. We are still required to submit a practical endorsement for each student but in a change to normal practice which insists that students complete all required practical investigations themselves, we can now accept their involvement via observation of demonstrations and the watching of videos. It should be noted though that questions regarding all required practical investigations will still feature on the written exams. The final exam grade will continue to be based purely on a student's performance in the written papers.



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