

Changes to courses for 2020/2021

Changes have been made to course content and structure as a result of the Covid experience. Below is a synopsis of the main changes in each course:-

Subject	Awarding body	Qualification	What have been the main changes to your course?
Cymraeg	WJEC	GCSE	Removal of requirement to complete unit 2 speaking assessment for 2020/21 only. This leaves unit 1 speaking assessment (19-21 April 2021) and unit 3&4 written exams (dates to follow)
Music	WJEC	GCSE	<p>Unit 1 (Performance) - no ensemble performance required. 3 minutes minimum performance time rather than 4 minutes. 500 word programme note still a requirement and an audio recording along with a score.</p> <p>Unit 2 (Composition) - 1 composition rather than 2. 1 and ½-3 minutes required time rather than 2-4 minutes. Evaluation no longer required but log still must be submitted along with an annotated score and log.</p> <p>Unit 3 (Appraisal) - no changes to examination in June. 8 questions based on 4 Areas of Study including 2 set works. Exam is 1 hour long.</p>
Sociology	Eduqas	GCSE	No changes for 2020-2021.
Hospitality & Catering	WJEC	Vocational	<p>Unit 1 (exam) - No changes</p> <p>Unit 2 (Controlled Assessment) - 2 Dishes instead of 4</p>
Maths	WJEC	GCSE	<p>Topics being omitted from the 2021 GCSE exams:</p> <p><u>Foundation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venn Diagrams. • Drawing nets. • Drawing representations of 2D and 3D shapes. • Bisecting lines and angles. • Constructions. • Location determined by distance from a given point and angle made with a given line. • Solving problems concerning tessellation. • Critiquing questionnaires. • Estimating the probability of an event as the proportion of times it has occurred.

- Relative frequency.
- Understanding the long-term stability of relative frequency.
- Estimating probabilities based on experimental evidence.
- Comparing an estimated probability from experimental results with a theoretical probability.
- Calculating theoretical probabilities based on equally likely outcomes.

Intermediate:

All of the above and...

- Finding the n th term in a quadratic sequence.
- Drawing and interpreting graphs when y is given implicitly in terms of x .
- Distinguishing in meaning between equations, formulae, identities and expressions.
- Constructing the perpendicular from a point to a line.
- Drawing plans and elevations of 3D shapes.
- Constructing angles of 60, 30, 90 and 45.
- Identifying congruent shapes.
- Using angle and tangent properties of circles.
- Understanding that the tangent on a circle is perpendicular to the radius.
- Using the facts that the angle subtended by an arc at the centre of a circle is twice the angle subtended at any point on the circumference, that the angle subtended at the circumference by a semicircle is a right angle, that angles in the same segment are equal, and that opposite angles of a cyclic quadrilateral sum to 180.
- Understanding and using the fact that tangents from an external point are equal in length.
- Constructing the locus of a point which moves such that it satisfies certain conditions.
- Solving problems involving intersecting loci in two dimensions.
- Questions on loci involving inequalities.
- Distinguishing between formulae for length, area and volume by considering dimensions.
- Using the compound measures: density and population density.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using compound measures that relate to density, such as kg/m³ • , g/cm³, population per km² • Specifying the data needed and considering potential sampling methods. • Sampling systematically. • Graphical representation of relative frequency against the number of trials. <p><u>Higher:</u></p> <p>All of the above and...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding annual rates. • Drawing, interpretation, recognition and sketching the graphs of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $y = a/x$. • $y = ax^3 + b$. • $y = ax + b + a/x$ (with x not equal to 0). • $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$. • $y = kx$ for integer values of x and simple positive values of k. • The use of straight-line graphs to locate regions given by linear inequalities. • Understanding and using SSS, SAS, ASA and RHS conditions to prove the congruence of triangles using formal arguments. • Using the alternate segment theorem. • Understanding and constructing geometric proofs using circle theorems. • Working with stratified sampling techniques and defining a random sample. <p>WJEC decided to remove a mixture of topics from across both GCSEs, this adaptation retains the level of demand and maintains the integrity of the assessment</p> <p>but reduces content for assessment considerably.</p>
Art	WJEC	GCSE	Removal of exam unit 2 (40%). Coursework originally 60% now 100% of qualification. Scale back on larger work due to social distancing and restrictions.

Skills Challenge certificate	WJEC	GCSE	<p>3 units need to be completed instead of 4</p> <p><u>Units</u></p> <p>Enterprise and employability</p> <p>Global citizenship</p> <p>Individual investigation</p>
English Literature	WJEC	GCSE	<p>Candidates still have to complete the two Controlled Assessment essays: Shakespeare and comparing two modern poems.</p> <p>However, candidates will now only sit one examination unit rather than two, the <i>Of Mice and Men</i>/unseen poetry paper. This 2 hour paper will be sat in January of 2021, with an opportunity for a resit in the summer of 2021.</p>
English Language			<p>Candidates only have to complete one Speaking and Listening assessment rather than two. This will be an individual presentation, 5 - 7 minutes on a subject of their choice, to a small audience.</p> <p>In the second written examination, Unit 3, candidates will only have to attempt one written task rather than the usual two. For this reason, the examination will be 30 minutes shorter than the usual two hours.</p>
History	WJEC	GCSE	<p>Removal of requirement to complete one of the exam units for year 11 only. This leaves 2 exam units to be completed in Summer exams (Germany in transition & Changes in Health and Medicine) and their coursework unit.</p>
Physical Education	WJEC	GCSE	<p>Exam remains in the summer of 2021</p> <p>50-50 split of exam and practical.</p> <p>Removal of Personal fitness profile.</p> <p>Candidates need to take 2 practical activities rather than 3.</p>
Drama	WJEC	GCSE	<p>Unit 1- Devising 40%</p> <p>Performance- groups can now be a minimum of 1 instead of 2. Pupils can work together in groups of 2,3 or 4 and not 5.</p> <p>Portfolio- No change</p> <p>Controlled Assessment- A word limit of 900 words has been applied to this. Pupils can now also complete this assignment in as much time as they need with no controlled conditions. Teacher to set deadline to suit.</p> <p>Unit 2- Scripted 20%</p>

			<p>This unit has been removed. Pupils will not be met with an external examiner this year.</p> <p>Unit 3- Written exam 40%</p> <p>No changes</p>
Health & Social Care	WJEC	GCSE	<p>Unit 1: Human growth, development (Written examination) 40% Single</p> <p>There are no changes to this unit.</p> <p>Unit 2: Promoting and maintaining health and well-being (NEA) 60% Single</p> <p>Removal of Task 2. The total assessment time will be shortened to 10 hours.</p>
Product Design	WJEC	GCSE	<p>Unit 1: Design and Technology in the 21st Century (written exam) 50%</p> <p>There is no change to the assessment of this unit.</p> <p>Unit 2: Design and make task (NEA) 50%</p> <p>WJEC will accept a model/mock up instead of the finished product.</p> <p>The requirement to 'Evaluate a prototype's fitness for purpose' has been removed</p>
Engineering	Skillstart	NVQ Level 1/2	<p>Programmes of Engineering Operations (PEO) have been reduced.</p> <p>For example; Soft Jaws, instead of manufacturing two, candidates will be required to produce one but still demonstrating the same skills.</p> <p>Candidates are marked on demonstration of skills.</p> <p>Engineering portfolio/theory is still required to be completed the same.</p>
Religious Studies	WJEC	GCSE	<p>Optionality within the question paper that will enable pupils to choose 3 out of the 4 questions to answer on Units 1 and 2.</p> <p>This adaptation will have implications for timing; instead of 120 minutes, each exam will be 90 minutes in length.</p>
SCIENCE (SEPARATE BIOLOGY,	WJEC	GCSE	<p>There is no requirement to resit any year 10 exams. The practical exam in January is also cancelled. For each of the GCSE qualifications, the only requirement is to sit one exam in Summer</p>

CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS)			2021 (eg. Triple Science class will sit three exams, GCSE Chemistry class will sit one exam). All topics within these units will be assessed.
SCIENCE (DOUBLE AWARD)	WJEC	GCSE	There is no requirement to resit any year 10 exams. The practical exam in January is also cancelled. To achieve the double award qualification, each pupil will be required to sit three exams in Biology, Chemistry and Physics in June 2021. All topics within these units will be assessed.
ICT	WJEC	GCSE	<p>Retaining both NEA units (coursework - units 2 & 4) and requiring one examination (rather than original 2) reflects the practical nature of this qualification whilst reducing the burden on teachers and learners alike.</p> <p>By lifting the requirement to complete NEA work in the classroom we are helping mitigate the potential for reduced access to classroom-based ICT resources.</p>