

Summer 2021 Exams

[Ofqual recently announced](#) that the start of the GCSE exams will be delayed by 3 weeks. The majority of the GCSE examinations will take place from week beginning 7th June 2021. However, a GCSE Maths and English paper will be sat before the May half-term break so that students have completed some external exams before the holiday.

Changes to the Summer 2021 Exams

We are still waiting for confirmation regarding any changes to the Level 2 BTEC qualifications

GCSE Subject	Summary of Changes (see hyperlinks for more details)		
Biology	<p><u>Summer 2021 Exam Papers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to the exams They will follow the same structure and format as those in summer 2019, and will assess all of the components and objectives described in the specifications <p><u>Required Practical Assessment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practicals can be studied through demonstrations 		
Chemistry			
Physics			
Combined Science			
English Language	<p><u>Summer 2021 Exam Papers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to the exams Paper 1 and Paper 2 will be exactly the same as they have been in previous series There are no modifications to the style and format of the question papers or the mark schemes <p><u>Spoken Language Assessment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are changes to the Spoken Language component but students completed this element of the course in Year 9 so is not applicable to them 		
English Literature	<p><u>Summer 2021 Exam Papers</u></p> <p>Students at Rednock will continue to study and be assessed on the following:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Paper 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blood Brothers A Christmas Carol </td><td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Paper 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macbeth Unseen Poetry </td></tr> </table> <p>Students <u>will not be</u> assessed on the Poetry Anthology</p>	<p>Paper 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blood Brothers A Christmas Carol 	<p>Paper 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macbeth Unseen Poetry
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Art and Design	<p>Students will complete Component 1 (Portfolio) only.</p> <p>They will not sit an Art NEA (Component 2)</p>		
Mathematics Business Studies Philosophy and Ethics	No changes		
Computer Science	<p><u>Summer 2021 Exam Papers</u></p> <p>There are no changes to the specification content and no changes to either the Paper 1 or Paper 2 assessment.</p> <p><u>Non-Examined Assessment</u></p> <p>A 20 hour project will take place using a combination of timetabled lessons and homeworks. This will be used as a practical method of teaching some aspects of the theory for paper 1, but won't count toward the final grade.</p>		
History	<p><u>Summer 2021 Exam Papers</u></p> <p>Three units will be examined instead of four, and these will be across three separate, shorter exams rather than the two longer exams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam 1 will be the wider world depth study - Conflict and Tension in Asia, 1950-1975 (the previous Paper 1, Section B) (Marks for SPaG are retained in this paper) Exam 2 will be the period study - Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany, 1890-1945 (the previous Paper 1, Section A) Exam 3 will be the British breadth study - Migration, Empires and the People, c.700 to the present day (the previous Paper 2, Section A) (Marks for SPaG are being dropped in this paper) 		

Geography	<p><u>Summer 2021 Exam Papers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be no questions about the student's own fieldwork experience in the exam but unfamiliar fieldwork questions will remain. • There are no other planned changes to the content or assessments for GCSE Geography. <p><u>Fieldwork Study</u></p> <p>Students do not need to complete two occasions of fieldwork</p>
D&T	<p><u>Summer 2021 Exam Papers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Changes to the exams <p><u>Non-Examined Assessment</u></p> <p>There are changes to parts of the NEA. The <i>Realising design ideas</i> and <i>Analysing and evaluating</i> sections have been rewritten to reflect these changes.</p>
PE	<p><u>Summer 2021 Exam Papers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Changes to the exams <p><u>Non-Examined Assessment</u></p> <p>Students will be assessed in two activities rather than three. These can be two individual activities, two team activities or one of each.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The written element of the NEA, the performance analysis assessment, is still a requirement of the specification. • Students will be examined on the theoretical content of the specification in the usual way.
<p>Languages (Spanish and French)</p>	<p><u>Speaking Assessment</u></p> <p>Students' speaking skills will be assessed by teachers during the course of study and the endorsement level of pass, merit or distinction will be reported alongside the 9-1 grade.</p> <p><u>Writing Assessment</u></p> <p>Writing papers will include an additional optional question for the overlap question at both tiers. This is so students can answer on their preferred theme. For each optional question, the theme will be given in the introduction to the question in the question paper.</p> <p>AQA will be providing further guidance over the coming months</p>