

Your guide to the changes for 2021

Following an [Ofqual consultation](#), we have made changes to a number of our qualifications.

The changes are designed to reduce the pressure on teachers and students in the 2020/21 academic year, and to safeguard against ongoing public health concerns.

Please [use the specification on our website](#) alongside this document which shows how our qualifications will differ in summer 2021.

Overview of changes for GCSE Computer Science (J276)

Ofqual has confirmed the following for GCSE Computer Science (J276) students in summer 2021:

- The Programming Project remains a **requirement** of the qualification and it must be completed
- Students should still be given **20 hours** of time to complete the Programming Project
- Students **do not** need to be directly supervised by their teacher when completing the Programming Project
- Students may now complete the Programming Project at home, in school, or a mixture of both
- Teachers should still record when delivery takes place
- A sample of Programming Project work is **not** required by OCR
- Centres **do not** need to submit a signed CCS161 Programming Project Authentication Form to OCR.

Teaching content for GCSE Computer Science (J276)

- There is **no content change** for summer 2021
- Teachers should still cover the full [specification content](#) for the summer 2021 examination
- The relaxed supervision conditions for the Programming Project allow for a more flexible delivery approach
- The Programming Project can be used to support learning and revision for Component 02.

Support

OCR's team of expert Subject Advisors has created videos, webinars, and other resources to guide you through these changes and help you prepare your students for their exams in summer 2021.

These resources can be found [here](#).

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