

# Summer 2022

## Summary guidance on Advance information for GCSE, AS and A Level qualifications

The summary below has been agreed across JCQ awarding organisations (AOs). Whilst the tabulated information in this document is specific to OCR qualifications, the approach has been developed and agreed across all AOs and all AOs are publishing this information at the same time. Each AO's summary of advance information includes this common summary to ensure that all students and teachers receive a consistent message, whichever AO(s) they use for GCSE, AS and A level qualifications in 2022.

### What to expect from OCR

#### How will this summary support your understanding and expectations of advance information?

This summary aims to give teachers and students an indication of the approach that will be taken to advance information in each qualification for OCR.<sup>1</sup> Each awarding organisation has produced a similar summary based on the approach they are taking for each qualification. This summary is **not** the advance information itself which will be released online, for all subjects, by 7 February 2022 at the latest unless the Department for Education (DfE) decides on an earlier release date. At least a week's notice will be given if it is decided that advance information will be released earlier than 7 February 2022. **Note:** Advance information will only be available from the OCR website. It will not be available from any other source.

Advance information is just one of the measures being taken to help support teachers and students for the summer 2022 exam series.<sup>2</sup> For details of all the measures being taken, in addition to advance information, please see [information on our website](#).

This summary:

- is specific to OCR and should be read alongside [the JCQ Advance Information for Ofqual Regulated General Qualifications, Summer 2022](#),
- indicates what to expect when the advance information is published,
- is not the advance information itself. Each awarding organisation has published a summary to help you understand what you will receive in February to cover an equivalent level of detail for their GCSE, AS and A level qualifications.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Advance information will be available for the majority of GCSE, AS and A level subjects. There will be advance information for all subjects except GCSE English Literature, History, Ancient History, Geography and Art & Design, and A/AS level Art & Design. The exceptions are either because of the nature of assessments in those subjects (assessment is by NEA in Art & Design qualifications) or because, following consultation by DfE and Ofqual, it has been decided that advance information will not be provided in subjects where optionality is being introduced for 2022.

<sup>2</sup> New advance information will also be provided for GCSE English language and GCSE mathematics exams scheduled for Autumn term 2022. It will be different from the advance information provided for GCSE English language and GCSE mathematics exams in summer 2022.

## Why is this summary being published ahead of release of the advance information?

Advance information is intended to communicate, ahead of the examinations, the focus of the content of the exams or part of the exams that will be assessed in the examination papers.<sup>1</sup> As stated by DfE, the purpose of advance information is to support revision. The principles applied to every subject by each awarding organisation when developing advance information are the same,

- We have avoided providing so much detail that answers to likely questions could be pre-prepared and memorised.
- We have made sure advance information does not:
  - undermine the value of the qualification in supporting student progression,
  - directly provide answers to other, potentially low tariff(mark), questions,
  - compromise the capability of the examinations to sufficiently differentiate between students' performances.

A consequence of the agreed principles for advance information is that it will not always be possible to detail everything that is in the examination. In some cases this would risk undermining good education, progression, or fair results; in others it would be unhelpful to teachers and students, for example by listing all topics which could lead to excessive teaching or revision on areas that are worth few marks. This means that in some subjects for instance the advance information will not apply to certain papers or parts of papers.

We have produced this summary to help teachers and students better understand some of the restrictions on advance information (for example what can be covered and so you know what to expect for the subjects you teach or study), to aid planning in advance of the release of advance information.

## Key points to remember for advance information, it

- can be used flexibly by centres to achieve its purpose of supporting revision. Advance information should not, however, be used to narrow teaching and learning.
- can be used by teachers in supporting their students' revision and referred to by students in their revision and final examination preparation.
- cannot be brought into the examinations.
- will not be at a level that allows questions to be predicted or answers prepared.

A good, broad understanding of all the content of the specification is always the best preparation for success in an examination. Teachers and students should bear in mind that prior learning in a key idea or topic area might provide useful knowledge and understanding and be required for students to be able to answer questions fully. This is particularly the case, for instance, for synoptic<sup>3</sup> questions and those questions marked using a levels of response mark scheme.

Students' preparation for examinations should continue to focus on knowledge and understanding that can be applied appropriately in the context of unseen examination questions.

For FAQs on advance information, please see the documents published on the JCQ website for [exam centres](#) and [students](#).

If you have any queries on the information provided in this document please [contact us](#).

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<sup>3</sup> Synoptic questions are those that give students the opportunity to draw together knowledge, skills and understanding from across the full course of study.

Subject	Level	Summary
Business	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be the focus of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order.</p> <p>Advance information will identify the quantitative skills that will be assessed.</p>
Business	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order.</p> <p>Advance information will identify the quantitative skills that will be assessed.</p>
Business	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order.</p> <p>Advance information will identify the quantitative skills that will be assessed.</p>
Citizenship Studies	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for examined components 2 (<i>Citizenship in Action</i>) and 3 (<i>Our Rights, Our society, Our world</i>) only.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks), including multiple choice or synoptic questions.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
Classics - Ancient History	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for Sections A and B for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide the key time spans/topics/historical debates and relevant content from the specification which will form the focus of the assessment. This information will be listed in specification order, not question order.</p>
Classics - Ancient History	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for Section A only of both examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide the key time spans from the specification which will form the focus of the assessments. This information will be listed in specification order, not question order.</p>

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Classics - Classical Civilisation	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>For the compulsory <i>The World of the Hero</i> component, the advance information will provide a reduced selection of books from each epic that could appear in the assessment.</p> <p>For all the optional components, the advance information will provide the focus of content that will be assessed from the specification for both Section A and Section B separately. For each section, where possible, the advance information will provide a reduced selection of prescribed sources and key topic areas from the specification.</p>
Classics - Classical Civilisation	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>For the compulsory <i>The World of the Hero</i> component, the advance information will provide a reduced selection of books from each epic that could appear in the assessment.</p> <p>For all the optional components, the advance information will provide the focus of content that will be assessed from the specification for both Section A and Section B separately. For each section, where possible, the advance information will provide a reduced selection of prescribed sources and key topic areas from the specification.</p>
Classics - Classical Civilisation	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>In the <i>Thematic Studies</i> components, we will provide topic areas from the specification, per society (i.e. Greece and Rome), that will be a part of the assessment.</p> <p>In Section A of the <i>Literature and Culture</i> components, the advance information will provide the topic areas from the specification for the higher tariff questions. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks).</p> <p>In Section B of the <i>Literature and Culture</i> components, the advance information will provide a reduced selection of prescribed sources that could appear on the question paper.</p>
Classics - Classical Greek	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for examined components 3 and 4 only.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a reduced selection of set text(s) passages. Assessment will be from that reduced list. The rest of the set text which would originally have been studied in Classical Greek must still be studied.</p>

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Classics - Classical Greek	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for examined components 3 and 4.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a reduced selection of set text(s) passages. Assessment will be from that reduced list. The rest of the set text which would originally have been studied in Classical Greek must still be studied.</p>
Classics - Classical Greek	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for optional components 2–5 (Prose Literature A &amp; B and Verse Literature A &amp; B) and optional component 6 (Literature &amp; Culture).</p> <p>For components 2–5, will provide a reduced selection of set text(s) passages. Assessment will be from that reduced list. The rest of the set text which would originally have been studied in Classical Greek must still be studied.</p> <p>For component 6 (Literature and culture), advance information will indicate a reduced list of prescribed sources and the sources used in the exam will be taken from that reduced list. Other sources from the prescribed sources booklet still need to be studied.</p>
Classics - Latin	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for examined components 3 and 4 only.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a reduced selection of set text(s) passages. Assessment will be from that reduced list. The rest of the set text which would originally have been studied in Latin must still be studied.</p>
Classics - Latin	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for examined component 2 (Literature) only.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a reduced selection of set text(s) passages. Assessment will be from that reduced list. The rest of the set text which would originally have been studied in Latin must still be studied.</p>
Classics - Latin	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for optional components 2–5 (Prose Literature A &amp; B and Verse Literature A &amp; B) and optional component 6 (Literature &amp; Culture).</p> <p>For components 2–5, will provide a reduced selection of set text(s) passages. Assessment will be from that reduced list. The rest of the set text which would originally have been studied in Latin must still be studied.</p> <p>For component 6 (Literature and culture), advance information will indicate a reduced list of prescribed sources and the sources used in the exam will be taken from that reduced list. Other sources from the prescribed sources booklet still need to be studied.</p>

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Computer Science	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks).</p>
Computer Science	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks).</p>
Computer Science	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for component 1 (<i>Computer systems</i>) only.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks), including synoptic questions.</p>
Design & Technology	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The list will be in specification order, not question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks), including synoptic questions.</p> <p>Advance information will not be provided for questions assessing the use of mathematical skills.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
Design & Technology	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The list will be in specification order, not question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks), including synoptic questions.</p> <p>Advance information will not be provided for questions assessing the use of mathematical skills.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>

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Design & Technology	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for component 1 (<i>Principles of Design and Technology</i>) only.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The list will be in specification order, not question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks), including synoptic questions.</p> <p>Advance information will not be provided on assessment of maths skill.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
Drama	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for Section A of examined component 4 (<i>Drama: Performance and response</i>) only.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be the focus of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order.</p> <p>No advance information will be provided in relation to assessment of live theatre performance.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
Drama & Theatre	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for the following examined components:</p> <p>Component 31, advance information will indicate the relevant specialism (direction, performance and design) and the section(s) of the performance text (opening scenes or three other scenes) that will be targeted in the assessment.</p> <p>Components 41-48, advance information will indicate the start and end points of the extended extract. The extract to be assessed in the exam will then be taken from the extended extract.</p> <p>No advance information will be provided in relation to assessment of live theatre performance.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
Drama & Theatre	AS Level	<p>Advance Information will apply to the examined component 5 (<i>Exploring performance</i>).</p> <p>Advance information will give detail about the specialism (direction, performance and design) and the section(s) of the performance text (opening scenes or three other scenes) that will be targeted in the assessment.</p> <p>No advance information will be provided in relation to assessment of live theatre performance.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>

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Economics	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks), including multiple choice and synoptic questions.</p> <p>Advance information will provide the focus of quantitative skills for each component.</p>
Economics	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed in at a range of tariffs (marks), including multiple choice or synoptic questions.</p> <p>Advance information will provide the focus of quantitative skills for each component.</p>
Economics	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for all Section B of examined components 1 and 2 only.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed in at a range of tariffs (marks), including multiple choice or synoptic questions.</p> <p>Advance information will provide the focus of quantitative skills for each component.</p>
English Language	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will apply to Section B and C of both components only</p> <p>For component 1, Section B (<i>Writing about a topical language issue</i>) we will provide the genre of writing required in the examination.</p> <p>For Section C (<i>Comparing and contrasting texts</i>) we will provide the genre of the two texts provided in the examination.</p> <p>For component 2, Section B (<i>Language in the media</i>) we will provide the genre of the text provided in the examination.</p> <p>For Section C (<i>Language change</i>) we will provide the genre of the two texts provided in the examination.</p>



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English Language	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will apply to Section B of both components only</p> <p>For component 1, Section B (Comparing and contrasting texts) we will provide the genre of the two texts provided in the examination.</p> <p>For component 2, Section B (Exploring language in context) we will provide the genre of the texts for each option: Language &amp; Power and Language &amp; Gender.</p>
English Language	GCSE (single spec/spec A)	<p>Advance information will be provided for component 1 (<i>Communicating information and ideas</i>) only and will identify the text types of the unseen non-fiction/literary nonfiction reading texts that will feature in Section A and the text type required in the writing task(s) in Section B.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
English Language and Literature	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for Section A of component 1 (<i>Exploring non-fiction and spoken texts</i>) and component 2 (<i>The language of poetry and plays</i>). Advance information will provide a reduced list of anthology texts and a reduced list of poems on which the assessment will be based. The poem(s)/text(s) included in the exam paper will be taken from this reduced list. Candidates may draw on their knowledge of other poems in the full collection to support their answer.</p>
English Language and Literature	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for examined component 2 (<i>The language of literary texts</i>), Section B (<i>The language of poetry</i>) only.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a reduced list of poems on which the assessment will be based.</p>
English Literature	A (single spec/spec A)	<p>Advance information will be provided for examined component 1 (<i>Drama and poetry pre-1900</i>), section 1, part a, only. Advance information will indicate the act from which the extract to be assessed is taken.</p>
English Literature	AS (single spec/spec A)	<p>Advance information will be provided for examined component 1 (Shakespeare and poetry pre-1900), Section 2 (Poetry pre-1900), only.</p> <p>Advance information will give a reduced range of poems from the studied collections. Candidates may draw on their knowledge of other poems in the full collection to support their answer.</p>

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Film Studies	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics or key ideas from the specification that will be the focus of the assessment. The topics or key ideas will be listed in specification order, not in question order.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
Film Studies	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics or key ideas from the specification that will be the focus of the assessment. The topics or key ideas will be listed in specification order, not in question order.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
Food Preparation and Nutrition	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for examined component 1 (<i>Food preparation and nutrition</i>) only.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks).</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
Geography	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined papers.</p> <p>Advance information will list the content assessed by exams and the information will include the key ideas and bullet points within the specification and skills from the Geographical Skills appendix.</p> <p>The topics will be listed in approximately specification order and not in question order.</p> <p>The advance information will provide notice of the topic areas targeted by the synoptic assessment in paper 3 (Geographical debates).</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>

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Geography	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined papers. Advance information will list the content assessed by exams and the information will include the key ideas and bullet points within the specification and skills from the Geographical Skills appendix.</p> <p>Advance information will provide notice of the topic areas targeted by the synoptic assessment in paper 2 (<i>Geographical debates</i>).</p> <p>The topics will be listed in approximately specification order and not in question order.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
History	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components across each optional topic.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be the focus of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order.</p>
History	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components across each optional topic.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be the focus of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order.</p>
Law	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be the focus of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order.</p> <p>No advance information will be provided in relation to assessment of scenarios for section B in any component.</p>
Law	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be the focus of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order.</p> <p>No advance information will be provided in relation to assessment of scenarios for section B in any component.</p>

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Maths - Core maths	Level 3 certificate	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>For each component, we will provide a list of topics that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in approximate specification order, not question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks).</p>
Maths - FSMQ	Level 3 certificate	<p>Advance information will apply to the examined assessment.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics and content descriptions from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order and not in question order.</p> <p>Formulae sheets are also available as part of the adaptations for 2022, they are <a href="#">available here</a> and hard copies will be provided in the exam.</p>
Maths - Further Mathematics	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be the focus of the assessment. The topics will be listed in approximately specification order and not in question order. Topics not explicitly given in the list may still be assessed in low tariff items or synoptic questions.</p>
Maths - Further Mathematics	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be the focus of the assessment. The topics will be listed in approximately specification order and not in question order. Topics not explicitly given in the list may still be assessed in low tariff items or synoptic questions.</p>
Maths - Mathematics	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be the focus of the assessment. The topics will be listed in approximately specification order and not in question order. Topics not explicitly included in the list may still be assessed in low tariff items or synoptic questions.</p>
Maths - Mathematics	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>For each paper, we will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be the focus of the assessment. The topics will be listed in approximately specification order not in question order. Topics not explicitly included in the list may still be assessed in low tariff items or synoptic questions.</p>

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Maths - Mathematics	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined papers and for both the Foundation and Higher tiers.</p> <p>Advance information will provide appropriate descriptions of the specification topic areas to be assessed. The topic descriptions will be ordered under broad themes in approximate specification order and not in question order. For example Algebra: Straight line graphs; Equation of a line.</p> <p>Advance information will be provided for each question paper individually, as well as collated for each whole tier. Topics not included in the advance Information may still be assessed in low tariff items, or synoptic questions.</p> <p>Formulae sheets are also available as part of the adaptations for 2022, they are available here <a href="#">Foundation</a> and <a href="#">Higher</a> and hard copies will be provided in the exam.</p>
Media Studies	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will cover the media forms and/or set products and the area of the theoretical framework/context that they will be assessed against.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
Media Studies	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will cover the media forms and/or set products and the area of the theoretical framework/context that they will be assessed against.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
Media Studies	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will cover the media forms and/or set products and the area of the theoretical framework/context that they will be assessed against.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
Music	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for Section B and C of examined component 5 (<i>Listening and Appraising</i>). For Section B, the advance information will identify which section of the prescribed works will be assessed. For Section C, the advance information will indicate the specification content that will be the focus of assessment for each area of study.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>

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Music	AS Level	Advance information will be provided for Section B of examined component 3 ( <i>Listening and appraising</i> ). Advance information will identify which section of the prescribed works will be assessed. This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.
Music	GCSE	Advance information will be provided for examined component 5 ( <i>Listening and appraising</i> ) only. Advance information will outline areas of study and genres from the specification that will be part of the assessment. This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.
Physical Education	A Level	Advance information will be provided for all examined components. Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be the focus of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed in low tariff or synoptic questions. This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.
Physical Education	AS Level	Advance information will be provided for all examined components. Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be the focus of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed in low tariff or synoptic questions. This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.
Physical Education	GCSE	Advance information will be provided for all examined components (1 and 2) and provide content areas where three or more marks from across the whole question paper are linked to them. This subject includes further adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.
Psychology	A Level	Advance information will be provided for all examined components. Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple choice or synoptic questions.

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Psychology	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple choice or synoptic questions.</p>
Psychology	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will not be provided in relation to assessment of research methods.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple choice or synoptic questions.</p>
Religious Studies	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order.</p>
Religious Studies	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order.</p>
Religious Studies	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for examined components 1 to 5 only (the Beliefs and teachings &amp; Practices papers).</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order.</p>
Religious Studies	Short course	<p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks), including synoptic questions.</p>

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Science - Biology	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>There is a consistent approach across all OCR GCE Science specifications.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in rank order, by contribution to the overall mark for the paper, with the topic with the most marks listed first. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks) including synoptic questions.</p> <p>Where a specific topic area includes assessment directly linked to relevant practical skills/investigations, this will be indicated against the topic.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
Science - Biology	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>There is a consistent approach across all OCR GCE Science specifications.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in rank order, by contribution to the overall mark for the paper, with the topic with the most marks listed first. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks) including synoptic questions.</p> <p>Where a specific topic area includes assessment directly linked to relevant practical skills/investigations, this will be indicated against the topic.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
Science - Biology	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components for both Higher and Foundation tiers.</p> <p>There is a consistent approach across all OCR GCSE Science specifications.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks), including synoptic questions.</p> <p>Required practical skills assessed will be provided in all examined components to help better enable teachers to prepare students.</p> <p>Assessment of practical skills, maths skills, and Working Scientifically skills will occur throughout all of the papers as usual. Students will still be expected to apply their knowledge to unfamiliar contexts.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>



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Science - Chemistry	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>There is a consistent approach across all OCR GCE Science specifications.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in rank order, by contribution to the overall mark for the paper, with the topic with the most marks listed first. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks), including synoptic questions.</p> <p>Where a specific topic area includes assessment directly linked to relevant practical skills/investigations, this will be indicated against the topic.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
Science - Chemistry	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>There is a consistent approach across all OCR GCE Science specifications.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in rank order, by contribution to the overall mark for the paper, with the topic with the most marks listed first. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks), including synoptic questions.</p> <p>Where a specific topic area includes assessment directly linked to relevant practical skills/investigations, this will be indicated against the topic.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
Science - Chemistry	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components for both Higher and Foundation tiers.</p> <p>There is a consistent approach across all OCR GCSE Science specifications.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks), including synoptic questions.</p> <p>Required practical skills assessed will be provided in all examined components to help better enable teachers to prepare students.</p> <p>Assessment of practical skills, maths skills, and Working Scientifically skills will occur throughout all of the papers as usual. Students will still be expected to apply their knowledge to unfamiliar contexts.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>

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Science - Combined Sciences	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components for both Higher and Foundation tiers.</p> <p>There is a consistent approach across all OCR GCSE Science specifications.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks), including multiple choice or synoptic questions.</p> <p>Required practical skills assessed will be provided in all examined components to help better enable teachers to prepare students.</p> <p>Assessment of practical skills, maths skills, and Working Scientifically skills will occur throughout all of the papers as usual. Students will still be expected to apply their knowledge to unfamiliar contexts.</p> <p>Updated data sheets are available for physics papers see links for further details and hard copies will be provided in the exam.</p> <p><a href="#">J250 05/06/11/12 Data Sheet</a></p> <p><a href="#">J260 03/07 Data Sheet</a></p> <p><a href="#">J260 04/08 Data Sheet</a></p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see link for further details: <a href="#">Gateway Changes for 2022</a> and <a href="#">21st Century Changes for 2022</a>.</p>
Science - Geology	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>There is a consistent approach across all OCR GCE Science specifications.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in rank order, by contribution to the overall mark for the paper, with the topic with the most marks listed first. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks), including synoptic questions.</p> <p>Where a specific topic area includes assessment directly linked to relevant practical skills/investigations, this will be indicated against the topic.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>

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Science - Geology	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>There is a consistent approach across all OCR GCE Science specifications.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in rank order, by contribution to the overall mark for the paper, with the topic with the most marks listed first. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks), including synoptic questions.</p> <p>Where a specific topic area includes assessment directly linked to relevant practical skills/investigations, this will be indicated against the topic.</p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
Science - Physics	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>There is a consistent approach across all OCR GCE Science specifications.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in rank order, by contribution to the overall mark for the paper, with the topic with the most marks listed first. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks) including synoptic questions.</p> <p>Where a specific topic area includes assessment directly linked to relevant practical skills/investigations, this will be indicated against the topic.</p> <p>This subject includes further adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>
Science - Physics	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>There is a consistent approach across all OCR GCE Science specifications.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in rank order, by contribution to the overall mark for the paper, with the topic with the most marks listed first. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks) including synoptic questions.</p> <p>Where a specific topic area includes assessment directly linked to relevant practical skills/investigations, this will be indicated against the topic.</p> <p>This subject includes further adaptations for 2022, see <a href="#">Changes for 2022</a> for further details.</p>

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Science - Physics	GCSE	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components for both Higher and Foundation tiers.</p> <p>There is a consistent approach across all OCR GCSE Science specifications.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment. The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed at a range of tariffs (marks), including multiple choice or synoptic questions.</p> <p>Required practical skills assessed will be provided in all examined components to help better enable teachers to prepare students.</p> <p>Assessment of practical skills, maths skills, and Working Scientifically skills will occur throughout all of the papers as usual. Students will still be expected to apply their knowledge to unfamiliar contexts.</p> <p>Updated data sheets are available for physics see links for further details and hard copies will be provided in the exam.</p> <p><a href="#">J249 01/02/03/04 Data Sheet</a></p> <p><a href="#">J259 01/02/03/04 Data Sheet</a></p> <p>This subject includes other adaptations for 2022, see link for further details.</p> <p><a href="#">Gateway Changes for 2022</a> and <a href="#">21st Century Changes for 2022</a></p>
Sociology	A Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment.</p> <p>The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed in low tariff or synoptic questions.</p>
Sociology	AS Level	<p>Advance information will be provided for all examined components.</p> <p>Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be a part of the assessment.</p> <p>The topics will be listed in specification order, not in question order. Topics not included in the list may still be assessed in low tariff or synoptic questions.</p>



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