

Student guide to this year's package of support

JCQ, Exam Boards, the Department for Education and Ofqual recognise the challenges that you and your teachers have faced and overcome during the pandemic.

To help ensure you are treated as fairly as possible in your exams when compared to pre-pandemic years, we have developed an exceptional package of support.

Measures Already in Place

Advance information



Exam boards have provided information on the focus of exams for most subjects to help you revise.

However, some subjects where you have optional content or fewer topics won't have advance Information.

Optional content



There has been less content or fewer topics for you to learn in some GCSE subjects.

This has been applied to:

- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE History
- GCSE Ancient History
- GCSE Geography

Changes to coursework

Non-exam assessment, practical work and fieldwork requirements have been adjusted, with flexibility in some subjects.



Upcoming Measures

Supporting materials

You will receive formulae and equation sheets in some exams, including GCSE Maths, Physics and Combined Science exams.



Generous grading

Exams will be graded more generously this year compared to 2019, when summer exams last took place.



Your teachers will have worked with you on the measures already in place. If you have any questions on the upcoming measures, please ask your teacher and you can find out more by checking the relevant exam boards' websites.

Please bear in mind that you should still revise the whole course. This package is designed to support you to reach your full potential and progress onto further education, higher education or your chosen careers.

For tips on preparing for exams, please visit: ofqual.blog.gov.uk

This package of support is designed to support pupils studying GCSE, AS and A Level courses