

A STUDENT GUIDE TO 2021/22 ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS



If you are taking exams and completing a CCEA qualification in Summer 2022, you will have the option to remove one assessment in the majority of CCEA subjects. The new arrangements have been put in place to acknowledge the disruption to learning caused by COVID-19 to date and to make assessments fairer for you as a result.

At CCEA we are working towards exams going ahead this year, and we will also continue to be guided by government and Public Health Agency (PHA) advice to ensure exams can take place safely.

We understand that you may have questions around 2021/22 awarding and assessment, and this short guide aims to help answer those. Topics covered include:

assessment and awarding
options available to you

arrangements for
Year 11 students

timetables and results days

mental health and wellbeing



HOW DO THE 2021/22 ASSESSMENT AND AWARDING ARRANGEMENTS AFFECT YOU?

In the majority of our qualifications, CCEA has identified one unit of assessment that you do not have to sit. This means you can choose to do fewer exams and assessments this year. Where this is the case, you will have two options:

OPTION 1

You can choose to take only the [mandatory units](#) as set out by CCEA, reducing the number of exams or assessments you sit. **You will still be taught all the qualification content** throughout the course of study.

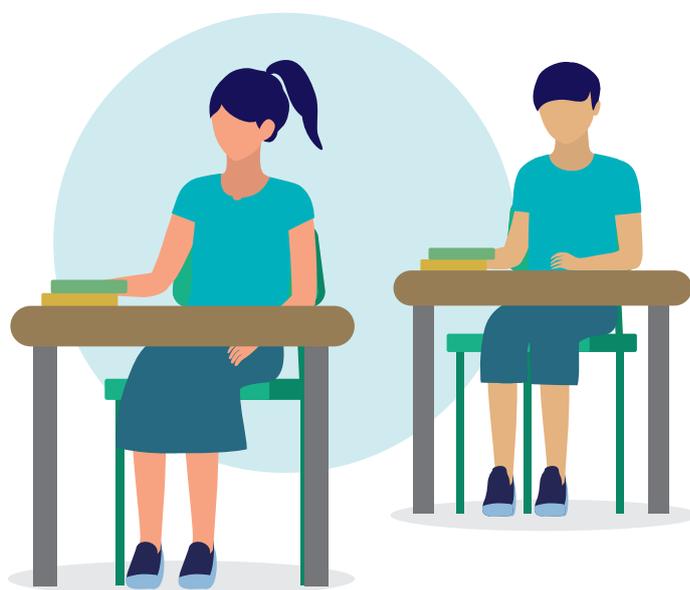
OPTION 2

You can choose to **sit all the exams/assessments** for your CCEA GCSE, AS or A level subjects.

This will be a decision agreed between you, your teachers and your parents/carers.

To ensure you are not disadvantaged by a decision to complete all units, CCEA will **compare** the grade you achieve after sitting all units with the grade you would have achieved if you had sat mandatory units only.

The example that follows overleaf sets out how this will work.



2022 GRADING – AN EXAMPLE OF GRADING AND ACHIEVING THE HIGHER GRADE FROM TWO PATHWAYS

Alice and Stephen are Year 12 students preparing to sit their GCSE History exams in Summer 2022.

GCSE History has two units. Unit 1 is graded out of 120 uniform marks, and Unit 2 is graded out of 80 uniform marks.

For Summer 2022, CCEA has stated that GCSE History students can choose to omit the assessment of Unit 2.

EXAMPLE 1

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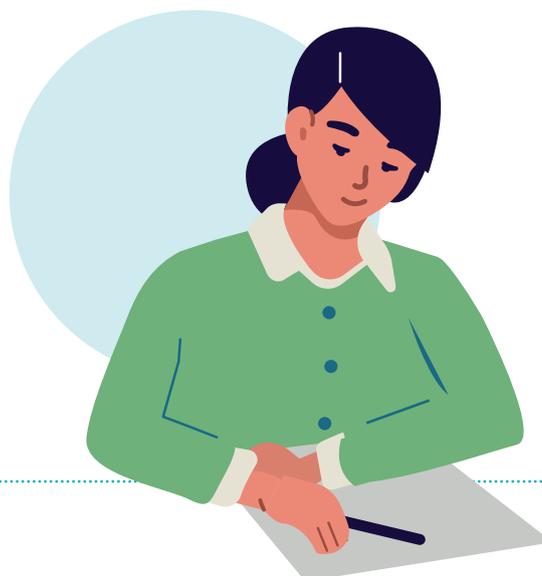
Alice has opted to omit Unit 2. This means:

- » She will be taught the full GCSE History specification, covering all topics and developing all necessary skills for both units.
- » She will only sit the exam for Unit 1.

Alice's overall GCSE grade will be based on her performance in Unit 1.

ALICE: GCSE HISTORY

UNIT	UNIFORM MARKS ACHIEVED	GRADE
UNIT 1	92 out of 120	B



EXAMPLE 2**STEPHEN**

Stephen has opted to sit all exams; he will not omit Unit 2. This means:

- » He will be taught the full GCSE History specification, covering all topics and developing all necessary skills for both units.
- » He will sit the exams for both Unit 1 and Unit 2.

To ensure Stephen is not disadvantaged by his decision to complete all units, CCEA will **compare** the grade Stephen achieves after sitting Units 1 and 2 with the grade he would have achieved if he had **omitted** Unit 2.

CCEA will award Stephen whichever of these two grades is higher:

STEPHEN: GCSE HISTORY (GRADED ON TWO UNITS)

UNIT	UNIFORM MARKS ACHIEVED	TOTAL UNIFORM MARK	GRADE
UNIT 1	96 out of 120	136 out of 200	C*
UNIT 2	40 out of 80		

STEPHEN: GCSE HISTORY (GRADED ON ONE UNIT)

UNIT	UNIFORM MARKS ACHIEVED	TOTAL UNIFORM MARK	GRADE
UNIT 1	96 out of 120	96 out of 120	A

CCEA awards the higher of the two grades, so Stephen receives a grade A.

Details of the optional assessment units are available at www.ccea.org.uk/summer-2022/specification-addenda



WHAT'S HAPPENING FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS?

All exams are scheduled for Summer 2022 as normal, so you will be able to sit exams at the end of Year 11. These will contribute to the final grade awarded when you complete your GCSEs in Summer 2023. You will be taught the full GCSE content and the associated skills.

2021 AS CONTRIBUTION TO A LEVEL

Your AS level grades from Summer 2021 **will not** contribute to your overall A level grade in 2022, as it is not possible to combine a grade with a mark. For more information on this, see the *Summer 2022 A Level Grades – How A level grades in Summer 2022 will use the 2022 A2 results only* video [on our website](#).

Your AS grade is still a valuable standalone qualification, and it will enable you to:

- » make your final A level choices;
- » complete your UCAS forms; and
- » provide evidence of educational achievement for future employment or a different educational pathway.

FULL RANGE OF GRADES AVAILABLE

The full range of exam grades will be available no matter which pathway you choose. This means:

- » For GCSE level, grades A* to G will still be available.
- » For AS level, grades A to E will still be available.
- » For A level, grades A* to E will still be available.

TIMETABLES AND RESULTS DAYS

What we know so far ...

In November and December 2021, exams are available for GCSE English Language, Mathematics, and Single and Double Award Sciences.

Unit exams will be available for GCSE Single and Double Award Sciences in late February 2022.

You can view the final [GCSE Timetables](#) and [GCE Timetables](#) for Summer 2022 on the CCEA website.

2022 results days

- » A and AS levels – Thursday 18 August 2022
- » GCSEs – Thursday 25 August 2022



YOUR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The mental health and wellbeing of students is a central focus of CCEA's work each year. We work with a wide range of organisations to promote and support mental health and wellbeing as part of our regular curriculum development.

We encourage you to visit the [Mental Health and Wellbeing](#) section on our website. This contains useful links to external helplines and charities, as well as guides covering topics such as responsible decision-making, self-awareness and much more.

Our [Preparing for Exams](#) section has helpful tips and includes guides for parents on CCEA exams. We will be adding new resources to this section in the coming months, so keep an eye on our social media channels for updates.

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the 2021/22 assessment arrangements, please visit our [Summer 2022 web area](#), which contains:

- » a [Student Area](#) with useful videos and guides;
- » a regularly updated [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs) section; and
- » a [Mental Health and Wellbeing](#) section.

We will continue to add information and support materials to this area as the school year progresses.

Ensure to follow us on social media:



If you ever wish to contact us directly with a query or concern, please email info@ccea.org.uk

