



**GCSE & A-Level Specification
Revision Information
2021-2022**

Year 12

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| <p>Agriculture & Land Use</p> | <p>Unit 1 is eligible for omission for candidates cashing in the qualification level grade in Summer 2022. This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.</p> <p>Unit 2 - no changes.</p> <p>Unit 3 - for Task 1, teachers can supply experimental data for students instead of the requirement to collect primary data. The marking criteria used to assess Task 1 of the Controlled Assessment will be amended so that no marks are awarded for collection of primary data.</p> |
| <p>Art & Design</p> | <p>Component 1: Part A: Exploratory Portfolio (The sketchbook) - no changes.</p> <p>Part B: Investigating the Creative and Cultural Industries - CCEA to set the theme for Component 1 Part B as the same theme used in Component 2 for 2021. Component 1 Part B will be taken under controlled conditions. The theme will be 'Combine' and should be connected to the suggestions and ideas provided in the 2021 stimulus paper.</p> <p>Component 2: Externally Set Assignment - This component will be eligible for omission for candidates entering the qualification in Summer 2022</p> |
| <p>Biology</p> | <p>Unit 1: Cells, Living Processes and Biodiversity: No changes. Full unit to be covered.</p> <p>Unit 2: Body Systems, Genetics, Microorganisms and Health: No changes. Full unit to be covered.</p> <p>Unit 3: Practical skills: This unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the qualification level grade in Summer 2022.</p> <p>This unit (3) will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units. The intention is that the material for this unit will be</p> |

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| | <p>still taught as part of the course, as historically students perform well in this unit which consists of 7.5% practical assessment and 17.5% practical theory paper.</p> <p>Students who choose to sit all units of the GCSE, will receive the higher of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the required units specified by CCEA (units 1 &2); or • the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the full set of units for that qualification. |
| Business Communications | Unit 1 will be eligible for omission. |
| Business Studies | <p>Unit 1 will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the qualification level grade in Summer 2022.</p> <p>This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.</p> <p>No change to unit 2 examination or unit 3 controlled assessment.</p> |
| Chemistry | <p>Unit 1 - no changes.</p> <p>Full unit to be covered. Unit 2 - no changes. Full unit to be covered.</p> <p>Unit 3 - this unit is eligible for omission for candidates cashing in the qualification level grade in Summer 2022.</p> <p>This unit (Unit 3) will still be available for any student who wishes to be assessed in all units. The intention is that the material for this unit will be still taught as part of the course.</p> <p>Students who chose to sit all units of the GCSE will receive the higher of either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the required units (units 1 and 2) or |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the full set of units. <p>Unit 3 Practical element (Booklet A) may, however, depend on Covid restrictions as well.</p> |
| Digital Technology | <p>Unit 1 all of which was taught in Year 11 is optional. Many students find this to be the easier theory unit and there is no disadvantage in doing this unit.</p> <p>Initially all students will be entered for Unit 1. There will be a Unit 1 mock in January, in February parents can choose to withdraw their child from this unit if they wish to do so.</p> |
| Food and Nutrition | Component 2 - controlled assessment - there is a reduction in the content and word limit for this task. |
| French | <p>Unit 2 (Speaking) is eligible for omission for Yr12 pupils in Summer 2022. Candidates will receive the higher grade based on the outcome of the 3 compulsory units or all units being assessed.</p> <p>It has been decided that all pupils will prepare for the speaking examination as normal, as generally results are very good in this skill area.</p> <p>Following the January Mock examinations a final decision will be made about individual pupils being withdrawn from this unit.</p> |
| Further Mathematics | <p>Unit 1 Pure must be completed as normal. Pupils may omit either Unit 2 (Mechanics) or Unit 3 (Statistics) but both modules will be taught in full.</p> <p>At WHS, pupils will all sit Unit 3 (Statistics) and omit Unit 2 (Mechanics).</p> |
| English Language | No changes. |
| English Literature | Unit 1 Prose is eligible for omission. Candidates will be awarded the higher grade based on the outcome of either the two compulsory Units or all three units. Unit 1 was taught in Year 11; choices can be made in early 2022 regarding entry. |

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| <p>Geography</p> | <p>Unit 1 - No changes.</p> <p>Unit 2 - No changes.</p> <p>Unit 3 - This unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the qualification level grade in Summer 2022. This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.</p> |
| <p>German</p> | <p>Unit 2 (Speaking) is eligible for omission for Yr12 pupils in Summer 2022.</p> <p>Candidates will receive the higher grade based on the outcome of the 3 compulsory units or all units being assessed.</p> <p>It has been decided that all pupils will prepare for the speaking examination as normal, as generally results are very good in this skill area.</p> <p>Following the January Mock examinations a final decision will be made about individual pupils being withdrawn from this unit.</p> |
| <p>History</p> | <p>Unit 1 has nearly been completed and this unit is compulsory for all students.</p> <p>Unit 2 will begin after the October half term. This is an optional unit, but all students will sit an exam in January for Unit 1 and Unit 2.</p> <p>After the January examinations students will be consulted regarding examination units in May and June.</p> |
| <p>Journalism</p> | <p>Unit 1 (local weekly and internet CA) is eligible for omission. Decisions to be made by pupils in early 2022.</p> |
| <p>Leisure and Tourism</p> | <p>Unit 1 is eligible for omission but students will sit this examination. CA tasks published in 2020 will be valid for moderation in summer 2022.</p> |
| <p>Mathematics</p> | <p>No changes to exam content or sittings. Additional help sheet will be provided (current version is available online).</p> |

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| Motor Vehicle Studies | <p>Unit 2 (Investigative Study) pupils are permitted to use archive data instead of collecting their own data.</p> <p>Unit 3 (Practical Riding Activity) is eligible for omission. Pupils have an opportunity to score highly in this unit, so we do not plan to omit this unit.</p> |
| Moving Image Arts | Component 2 is eligible for omission. We have already completed the work in year 11 so we do not plan to omit from CA submission. |
| Music | <p>Removal of Ensemble performance</p> <p>Only one own choice composition to be submitted.</p> |
| Physical Education | <p>Component 2 - eligible for omission. This component will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all components.</p> <p>Component 3a - reduce practical performances from three to two.</p> <p>Component 3b - audio recordings of student analysis and evaluation will be required for moderation.</p> |
| Physics | <p>Unit 3 (Practical - 25%) element is eligible for omission. Normally students perform well in this unit which consists of 7.5% practical assessment and 17.5% theory paper.</p> <p>A decision will be made towards the end of term 1 as to whether the unit is a viable option.</p> |
| Religious Studies | <p>Unit 7 (Philosophy of Religion) will be taught throughout year 12 and will be examined externally through a 1 hour 30-minute exam.</p> <p>Unit 6 (Ethics) that was taught throughout Year 11 will be tested through a controlled assessment at some stage during Year 12, which CCEA will clarify further during this term.</p> |
| Spanish | Unit 2 (Speaking) is eligible for omission for Yr12 pupils in Summer 2022. Candidates will receive the |

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| | <p>higher grade based on the outcome of the 3 compulsory units or all units being assessed.</p> <p>It has been decided that all pupils will prepare for the speaking examination as normal, as generally results are very good in this skill area. Following the January Mock examinations, a final decision will be made about individual pupils being withdrawn from this unit.</p> |
| Statistics | <p>Unit 1 must be completed as normal.</p> <p>Unit 2 may be completed in the form of a controlled assessment task (material to be released no later than Jan 2022)</p> |
| Technology & Design | <p>Unit 1 (Common Core) is eligible for omission. This is the work covered into Y11 and is normally assessed at the end of Y11 when the pupils sit an examination.</p> <p>Unit 2 will be completed as normal as assessed using an examination in June 2022.</p> <p>Unit 3 will be reduced in content with coursework be completed as far as the Development of Proposed Concepts: Modelling and Testing section.</p> <p>The Development of Proposed Concepts: Manufacture and Evaluation sections have been removed.</p> |

Year 13

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| <p>Art & Design</p> | <p>AS 1: Experimental Portfolio - no changes. AS 2: Personal Response - This unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the AS level qualification grade in Summer 2022.</p> <p>This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.</p> |
| <p>Biology</p> | <p>AS 1: Molecules and Cells: no changes. Full unit to be covered.</p> <p>AS 2: Organisms and Biodiversity: - no changes. Full unit to be covered.</p> <p>AS 3: Practical Skills in AS Biology: This unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the AS qualification level grade in Summer 2022.</p> <p>This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units. The intention is that the material for unit 3 will still be taught as part of the course, as historically students perform well in this unit</p> <p>Students who choose to sit all three units, will receive the higher of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the required units specified by CCEA; or ● the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the full set of units for that qualification. <p>In both cases the full specification content should still be delivered.</p> |
| <p>Business Studies</p> | <p>AS1 - No changes</p> <p>AS2 - This unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the AS qualification level grade in Summer 2022. This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.</p> |

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| | <p>AS Summer 2022 For those students who are due to cash in for the AS qualification in Summer 2022, should they choose to sit both units, they will receive the higher of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the required units specified by CCEA; or • the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the full set of units for that qualification. In both cases the full specification content should still be delivered. |
| Chemistry | <p>AS1 - no changes. Full unit to be covered.</p> <p>AS2 - no changes. Full unit to be covered.</p> <p>AS3 - Practical element - this unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the AS qualification level grade in Summer 2022.</p> <p>This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units. Students who chose to sit all three units will receive the higher of either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the required units specified by CCEA or • the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the full set of units for that qualification. • <p>Unit 3 Practical element may, however, depend on Covid restrictions.</p> |
| Digital Technology | <p>Unit 1 : This unit will be eligible for omission and students will therefore only be entered for the Unit 2 examination.</p> |
| Economics | <p>AS1 - No changes</p> <p>AS2 - This unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the AS qualification level grade in Summer 2022. This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.</p> |

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| French | <p>AS1 (Speaking) is eligible for omission. It is still available for assessment and at present the department plans to enter pupils for all 3 units. Pupils will be awarded the higher result of the two compulsory units or the two compulsory plus the optional unit.</p> |
| English Literature | <p>Unit 2 (Prose) is optional. This Unit provides a springboard for A2, so will be taught fully. Pupils can make decisions in early 2022 regarding withdrawal.</p> |
| Geography | <p>AS1 (Physical Geography) - No changes.</p> <p>AS2 (Human Geography) - No changes.</p> <p>AS3 (Fieldwork Skills and Techniques in Geography) - This unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the AS qualification level grade in Summer 2022.</p> <p>This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units. However, the full specification content will still be delivered.</p> |
| Government & Politics | <p>Unit 1 is an optional module and Unit 2 is the compulsory module. Both units are being taught and assessed in the January examinations.</p> <p>After the January examinations students will be consulted regarding examination units in May and June.</p> |

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| German | <p>AS1 (Speaking) is eligible for omission. It is still available for assessment and at present the department plans to enter pupils for all 3 units.</p> <p>Pupils will be awarded the higher result of the two compulsory units or the two compulsory plus the optional unit.</p> |
| History | <p>Unit 1 Germany is a compulsory module and Unit 2 Italy is an optional module. Both modules will be taught and assessed in the January examinations.</p> <p>After the January examinations students will be consulted regarding examination units in May and June.</p> |
| Health & Social Care | <p>AS unit 1 requirement for placement in HSC and Early Years settings is removed.</p> <p>AS Unit 2 Communication coursework is the defined unit for omission. Content for this unit will still be taught.</p> |
| Mathematics | <p>Unit 1 (Pure Mathematics) will be completed as normal.</p> <p>Unit 2 (Applied Mathematics) can be omitted but will be taught in full in preparation for A2.</p> |
| Moving Image Arts | <p>The AS foundation portfolio has been reduced and must contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a statement of intention (including a synopsis) of 1800–2600 words relating to the short film excerpt that the student will be filming which has been taken from the longer 3-4 minute narrative film sequence script they have written; • a script for a 3-4 minute narrative film sequence (1 1/2 - 2 minutes if animated). • a storyboard and shot list featuring the pre-production planning for the short film excerpt that the student will be filming which has been taken from the longer 3-4 minute narrative film sequence script. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a director's notebook of 8-15 A4 pages relating only to the short film excerpt that the student will be filming. • a short excerpt filmed by the student which has been taken from the 3-4 minute narrative film sequence script (this film excerpt should be 1-1 minute 20 seconds, if live action or 30-40 seconds, if animated). |
| Music | <p>At A2 only Performance and Written/ Aural modules are required. Composition is optional. We will be presenting all three modules as our students tend to score higher in composition than written and aural.</p> <p>CCEA will assess all components and award the higher mark of either the two required modules or the three submitted modules.</p> |
| Nutrition & Food Science | Unit 2 external examination (20%) is the defined unit for omission. The content of this will still be taught in preparation for A2. |
| Physics | Unit 3 (Practical - 20%) element is eligible for omission. Normally students perform well in this unit which consists of a practical assessment and a theory paper. A decision will be made towards the end of term 1 as to whether the unit is a viable option. |
| Religious Studies | <p>Students will cover introductory content in both units - Ethics (unit 7) and Philosophy of Religion (Unit 8) until half term and then one of these units will be solely focused upon for the remainder of the year.</p> <p>CCEA requires one module to be externally examined of our choice which will be decided after students have experienced an introduction to both units.</p> |
| Software Systems Development | The content for Unit 2(Coursework) has been reduced. Students will be guided accordingly when completing this unit of work. |

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| Spanish | AS1 (Speaking) is eligible for omission. It is still available for assessment and at present the department plans to enter pupils for all 3 units. Pupils will be awarded the higher result of the two compulsory units or the two compulsory plus the optional unit. |
| Technology & Design | <p>AS Unit 1 no changes.</p> <p>AS Unit 2 Product Development is eligible for reduction.</p> <p>Candidates will complete the design folder as the Redesign Solutions and Development Section. The Making, Testing and Evaluation section has been removed.</p> |

Year 14

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| Art & Design | <p>A2 1: Personal and Critical Investigation - no changes</p> <p>A2 2: Thematic Outcome - Students will only be assessed on the outcome (AO4). Students will need to present for assessment: 1. A statement of intent; 2. An outcome; and 3. An evaluation. The marks for this unit will be 36 marks. The unit will still represent 40% of the A2 course.</p> |
| Biology | <p>A2 1: Physiology, Co-ordination and Control, and Ecosystems: no changes. Full unit to be covered.</p> <p>A2 2: Biochemistry, Genetics and Evolutionary Trends: no changes. Full unit to be covered.</p> <p>A2 3: Practical Skills in Biology: This unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the A Level qualification grade in Summer 2022. This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.</p> <p>The intention is that the material for unit 3 will be still be taught as part of the course, as historically students perform well in this unit</p> <p>Students who choose to sit all three units, will receive the higher of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the required units specified by CCEA; or ● the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the full set of units for that qualification. <p>In both cases the full specification content should still be delivered.</p> |
| Business Studies | <p>A2 1 - No changes</p> <p>A2 2 - This unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the qualification A level grade in Summer 2022. This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.</p> <p>A2 Summer 2022 For those students who are due to cash in the full A Level qualification in Summer</p> |

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| | <p>2022, should they choose to sit both units, they will receive the higher of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the required units specified by CCEA; or • the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the full set of units for that qualification. In both cases the full specification content should still be delivered <p>AS (2021) contribution to GCE Qualification (2022) For candidates who started their course in September 2020 and hope to achieve a GCE qualification level grade in Summer 2022, they will be awarded a grade based on their performance in their A2 units only.</p> |
| Chemistry | <p>A2 1 - no changes. Full unit to be covered.</p> <p>A2 2 - no changes. Full unit to be covered.</p> <p>A2 3 Practical - This unit is eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the A Level qualification grade in Summer 2022. This unit will be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.</p> <p>Students who chose to sit all three units will receive the higher of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the required units specified by CCEA or • the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the full set of units for that qualification. <p>Unit 3 Practical element may, however, depend on Covid restrictions.</p> |
| Digital Technology | <p>The content for Unit 2(Coursework) has been reduced. Students will be guided accordingly when completing this unit during Term 1.</p> |
| Economics | <p>A2 1 - No changes</p> <p>A2 2 - This unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the qualification A level grade in Summer 2022. This unit will still be</p> |

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| | <p>available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.</p> <p>A2 Summer 2022 For those students who are due to cash in the full A Level qualification in Summer 2022 should they choose to sit both units, they will receive the higher of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the required unit specified by CCEA; or • the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of both units for that qualification. In both cases the full specification content should still be delivered. <p>AS (2021) contribution to GCE Qualification (2022) For candidates who started their course in September 2020 and hope to achieve a GCE qualification level grade in Summer 2022, they will be awarded a grade based on their performance in their A2 units only.</p> |
| French | <p>A21 (Speaking) is eligible for omission. It is still available for assessment and at present the department plans to enter pupils for all 3 units. Pupils will be awarded the higher result of the two compulsory units or the two compulsory plus the optional unit.</p> |
| Further Mathematics | <p>AS Unit 1 (Pure Mathematics) will be completed as normal.</p> <p>AS Unit 2 (Applied Mathematics) can be omitted but will be taught in full in preparation for A2.</p> <p>A2 Unit 1 (Pure Mathematics) will be completed as normal.</p> <p>A2 Unit 2 (Applied Mathematics) can be omitted but will be taught in full.</p> |
| English Literature | <p>Unit 2 (Poetry) is optional. Pupils can make decisions re withdrawal in early 2022.</p> |
| Geography | <p>A2-1 (Physical Geography) - No changes.</p> <p>A2-2 (Human Geography) - No changes.</p> |

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| | A2-3 (Decision Making) - This unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the qualification A level grade in Summer 2022. This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units. However, the full specification content will still be delivered. |
| Government & Politics | Unit 2 is an optional module and Unit 1 is the compulsory module. Both units are being taught and assessed in the January examinations. After the January examinations students will be consulted regarding examination units in May and June. |
| German | A21 (Speaking) is eligible for omission. It is still available for assessment and at present the department plans to enter pupils for all 3 units. Pupils will be awarded the higher result of the two compulsory units or the two compulsory plus the optional unit. |
| Health & Social Care | Unit 2 Body Systems & Physiological Disorders internal assessment/coursework is our chosen unit for omission. Content of this unit will still be taught. |
| History | Unit 1 is an optional module and Unit 2 is the compulsory module. Both units are being taught and assessed in the January examinations. After the January examinations students will be consulted regarding examination units in May and June. |
| Mathematics | Unit 1 (Pure Mathematics) will be completed as normal. Unit 2 (Applied Mathematics) can be omitted but will be taught in full. |
| Moving Image Arts | The A2 foundation portfolio has been reduced and must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an illustrated essay (including a synopsis) of 2000-2700 words relating to the short film excerpt that the student will be filming which has been taken from the longer 4-7 minute complete narrative short film script they have written; |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a script for a 4-7 minute complete narrative short film (2–3½ minutes, if animated); • a storyboard and shot list featuring the pre-production planning for the short film excerpt that the student will be filming which has been taken from the longer 4-7 minute complete narrative short film script (this short film excerpt should be 1 minute 20 seconds-2 minutes 20 seconds, if live action or 40 seconds-1 minute 10 seconds, if animated); • a director’s notebook of 20-30 A4 pages or equivalent, relating to the short film excerpt • a short excerpt filmed by the student which has been taken from the 4-7 minute complete narrative short film script (this short film excerpt should be 1 minute 20 seconds-2 minutes 20 seconds, if live action or 40 seconds-1 minute 10 seconds, if animated). <p>Please note that the short excerpt must be a continuous sequence.</p> |
| Music | <p>At A2, only Performance and Written/ Aural modules are required. Composition is optional. We will be presenting all three modules as our students tend to score higher in composition than written and aural. CCEA will assess all components and award the higher mark of either the two required modules or the three submitted modules.</p> |
| Nutrition & Food Science | <p>Unit 2 internal assessment (30%) - the content and word limit has been reduced for this research project task.</p> |
| Physics | <p>Unit 3 (Practical - 20%) element is eligible for omission. Normally students perform well in this unit which consists of a practical assessment and a theory paper. A decision will be made towards the end of term 1 as to whether the unit is a viable option.</p> |
| Religious Studies | <p>Students will study one unit of work throughout A2 - Themes in the Philosophy of Religion which will be externally examined in a two-hour</p> |

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| | examination (Unit 8). The other unit - Global Ethics (Unit 7) has been omitted. |
| Software Systems Development | The content for Unit 2(Coursework) has been reduced. Students will be guided accordingly when completing this unit of work. |
| Spanish | A21 (Speaking) is eligible for omission. It is still available for assessment and at present the department plans to enter pupils for all 3 units. Pupils will be awarded the higher result of the two compulsory units or the two compulsory plus the optional unit. |
| Technology & Design | A2 Unit 1 no changes. A2 Unit 2 System Design and Manufacture is eligible for reduction. Candidates will complete the design folder as the Development Section. The Making, Testing and Evaluation section has been removed. |