



QUEEN ELIZABETH'S  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
Ashbourne, Derbyshire

**Changes to Examined Content for 2021**



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Subject/ Qualification	Changes to content	Changes to assessment	Adjustments we have made in school	Further information/questions or queries directed to?
<b>GCSE Art, Craft and Design and Art Textiles</b>	Only Component 1 - portfolio unit has to be completed.	Only Unit 1 assessed.	Extended deadline so longer time to complete work.	Mrs D Davis <a href="mailto:Davis@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Davis@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>A level Art, Craft and Design</b>	Only Component 1 - personal investigation has to be completed.	Only Unit 1 assessed.	Extended deadline so longer time to complete work.	Mrs D Davis <a href="mailto:Davis@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Davis@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>Business GCSE</b>	No changes.	No changes.	No changes.	Mr Walker <a href="mailto:WalkerL@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">WalkerL@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>Business A level</b>	No changes.	No changes.	No changes.	Mr Walker <a href="mailto:WalkerL@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">WalkerL@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Childcare and Development</b>	No changes.	No changes.	Assessment pieces are now kept on TEAMS.	Mr S Bembridge <a href="mailto:Bembridge@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Bembridge@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>EDUGAS Construction &amp; the Build Environment</b>	Changes to be confirmed by the exam board.			Mr Phipps <a href="mailto:Phipps@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Phipps@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>Computer Science</b>	No changes.	No changes.	No changes.	Mr Bowbanks <a href="mailto:Bowbanks@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Bowbanks@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>Creative Digital Media (L2 and L3)</b>	No changes.	No changes.	Teacher predicted grades were awarded for incomplete internally assessed units up to the summer. Externally assessed units for Years 11 and 13 are still being undertaken as planned.	Mr Illsley <a href="mailto:llsleyJ@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">llsleyJ@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>



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<b>AQA GCSE Design &amp; Technology</b>	<p>The <i>Realising design ideas</i> and <i>Analysing and evaluating</i> sections have been rewritten.</p> <p><b>Realising design ideas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This section has been reduced from 20 to 10 marks.</li> <li>Students will no longer be assessed on the skill of making but will be required to show their 'intentions of prototypes' and demonstrate their understanding of the processes involved in making.</li> </ul> <p><b>Analysing and evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This section has been reduced from 20 to 15 marks.</li> <li>Analysis and evaluation throughout the design process can take place in relation to prototype ideas and models.</li> <li>There's no expectation to test a final made prototype but students should find ways of testing prototype designs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Final Exam</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are NO changes to the final exam.</li> </ul>	<p>Realising design ideas. This section has been reduced from 20 to 10 marks</p> <p>Analysing and evaluation. This section has been reduced from 20 to 15 marks.</p> <p>Final Exam There are NO changes to the final exam.</p>	<p>Autumn and the first part of spring term will be used to focus on the designing of students preferred design idea. Then using sketching and modelling techniques to iterate the design into something that would be suitable to consider making. All iterations of the design need to be recorded to show how the ideas have evolved, then we will plan and show how the design would be made.</p> <p>The latter part of spring term students will be using ExamPro and past papers to prepare for their exam.</p>	<p>Miss Brown  <a href="mailto:BrownK@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">BrownK@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p> <p>Mr Phipps  <a href="mailto:Phipps@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Phipps@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-8552/changes">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-8552/changes</a></p>
<b>GCSE Drama</b>	<p>Presenting and Performing Text.</p>	<p>Performance of one extract instead of two.</p>	<p>Performance extract can be performed with social distancing.</p>	<p>Mrs Corboz  <a href="mailto:Corboz@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Corboz@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p>
<b>Economics</b>	<p>No changes.</p>	<p>No changes.</p>	<p>No changes.</p>	<p>Mr Walker  <a href="mailto:WalkerL@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">WalkerL@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p>
<b>BTEC Engineering Pearson</b>	<p>Changes to be confirmed by the exam board.</p>			<p>Mr Phipps  <a href="mailto:Phipps@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Phipps@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p>



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GCSE English Language	No changes.	NEA speaking and listening will not be recorded but it will still need to be completed and marked.	No changes.	Mrs Brown <a href="mailto:brownn@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">brownn@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
GCSE English Literature	One out of 19th century text, modern text and anthology poetry has become optional; due to having taught the modern and poetry texts in Y10 we are not doing the 19th century text.	GCSE English Literature	One out of 19th century text, modern text and anthology poetry has become optional; due to having taught the modern and poetry texts in Y10 we are not doing the 19th century text.	Mrs Brown <a href="mailto:brownn@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">brownn@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
EDUQAS Food & Nutrition	<p><b>Component 2: Food Preparation and Nutrition in Action</b></p> <p>To reduce the requirements for NEA 2, <b>only 2 dishes</b> and appropriate accompaniments have to be selected as suitable to meet the needs of the brief.</p> <p>The dishes must be prepared, cooked and served within the 3-hour mandatory practical session.</p>	<p><b>Component 1: Principles of Food and Nutrition</b></p> <p>There is no change to this examined component.</p> <p>NEA 1 The Food Investigation – will not be available for assessment in 2021.</p> <p>NEA 2 The Food Preparation Assessment – will be adapted and released in September 2020 (2 months earlier than scheduled).</p> <p>A new mark scheme for Component 2 NEA will be made available to accommodate for the change to 2 dishes (with appropriate accompaniments); the descriptors will change but the marks available will remain the same.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The weighting for Component 1 and Component 2 will remain at 50% and 50%.</li> <li>The deadline for presenting evidence for the NEA for moderation will remain as 5th May 2021.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Autumn Term 1:</b></p> <p>Will be used to focus on skills and a Mock NEA task 2 to ensure that all students have had chance to view and attempt some of the requirements of an NEA task.</p> <p>(A mock was set over the lockdown period but not all students completed or accessed this).</p> <p>Term 1 will also be focused on practical lessons that involve skills that we did not get to do due to lockdown. Challenging practical lessons will be set that will demonstrate high levels of skill and rebuild confidence within the kitchen.</p> <p>Term 1 was previously used to complete NEA 1, which has been removed for 2021. Revision lessons will also be included.</p> <p><b>Autumn Term 2:</b></p> <p>Revision skills and knowledge organisers for students in preparation for the written mock exam.</p>	Mrs Flinders <a href="mailto:Flinders@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Flinders@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>



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			<p>Presentation skills practical lesson.</p> <p>NEA 2 launch after mock exam period.</p> <p><b>Term 3 + 4:</b> Focused NEA task 2 work including the three hour exam approx. Feb 2021.</p> <p>Revision sessions.</p> <p><b>Term 5:</b> Revision.</p>	
<b>History GCSE</b>	Cold War removed.	Paper 2 reduced by 50%, paper 1 and 3 remain the same.	Requirement to teach Cold War removed, so year 11 focus is now on revision.	Miss Robinson <a href="mailto:Robinson@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Robinson@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>History A Level</b>	No changes.	No changes.	No changes.	Miss Robinson <a href="mailto:Robinson@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Robinson@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>GCSE Geography</b>	Students are not required to answer questions in the exam relating to their own fieldwork experience.	Seen fieldwork section on removed but unseen fieldwork section remains.	In Spring 2 we will complete a series exam skill lessons focussed on the unseen fieldwork section.	Miss Edwards <a href="mailto:Edwards@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Edwards@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>A level Geography</b>	No changes.	No changes.	No changes.	Miss Edwards <a href="mailto:Edwards@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Edwards@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>Maths GCSE L2 Further Maths</b>	No changes.	No changes.	No changes.	Mrs Statham <a href="mailto:Statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a> Mr Barnhurst <a href="mailto:Barnhurst@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Barnhurst@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>Maths A Level</b>	No changes.	No changes.	No changes.	Mrs Statham <a href="mailto:Statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a> Mr Barnhurst <a href="mailto:Barnhurst@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Barnhurst@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>Further Maths A Level</b>	No changes.	No changes.	No changes.	Mrs Statham <a href="mailto:Statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a> Mr Barnhurst <a href="mailto:Barnhurst@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Barnhurst@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>



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<b>Core Maths</b>	No changes.	No changes.	No changes.	Mrs Statham <a href="mailto:Statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>  Mr Barnhurst <a href="mailto:Barnhurst@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Barnhurst@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>Music GCSE</b>	Composition and performance coursework requirement has been reduced by half.	The percentages for each component remain unchanged.	The coursework will be now be completed by, or soon after, Christmas. Greater emphasis will be placed on the listening paper content.	Mr Roberts <a href="mailto:RobertsD@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">RobertsD@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>Music A Level</b>	Composition and performance coursework requirement has been reduced by half.	The percentages for each component remain unchanged.	The coursework will be now be completed by, or soon after, Christmas. Greater emphasis will be placed on the listening paper content.	Mr Roberts <a href="mailto:RobertsD@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">RobertsD@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>A Level MFL (French and Spanish)</b>	No changes.	No changes.	No changes.	Mrs Palmer <a href="mailto:Palmer@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Palmer@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>  Mrs Fryer <a href="mailto:Fryer@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Fryer@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>GCSE MFL (French, Spanish, German)</b>	No changes.	<b>Speaking</b> There will be no official GCSE Speaking exam. Students will be assessed by teachers during the course of study and the endorsement level of pass, merit or distinction will be reported alongside the 9-1 grade.  <b>Writing</b> There will be more optionality in the Writing components, so the 2021 Writing papers will include an additional optional question for the overlap question at both tiers	No further time spent on photo cards and role plays and more time spent on general conversation aspect of the exam which links in with writing skills and development of ideas. This is as the speaking is now a teacher assessed endorsement (pass, merit, distinction) done in class.  Mock Exams – questions removed on topics not yet studied in depth and replaced with questions on other topics previously studied.	Mrs Palmer <a href="mailto:Palmer@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Palmer@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>  Mrs Fryer <a href="mailto:Fryer@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Fryer@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>



		<p>(Question 4/Question 1) and for Higher tier Question 2. This is so students can answer on their preferred theme. For each optional question, the theme will be given in the introduction to the question in the question paper.</p> <p>To give students time to read all of the optional questions carefully before making a choice, there will be an extra five minutes to the scheduled exam time at both tiers for the Writing paper in 2021. This means that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Foundation tier Writing exam will last for <b>one hour and five minutes</b>.</li> <li>• The Higher tier Writing exam will last for <b>one hour and 20 minutes</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Listening and Reading</b> Vocabulary for the 2021 papers is being reviewed by AQA but no other changes to these papers.</p>		
<b>Psychology AQA A Level</b>	No changes.	No changes.	Fortnightly revision.	Mrs Eaton <a href="mailto:eaton@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">eaton@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>GCSE RS</b>	No changes.	Mock Exam content has been adapted in line with changes in topic order.	We have reordered the topics to ease with potential of remote learning this year.	Mr McGarrigle <a href="mailto:McGarrigle@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">McGarrigle@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>A-Level RS</b>	No changes.	Mock Exam content has been adapted in line with changes in topic order.	We have reordered the topics to ease with potential of remote learning this year.	Mr McGarrigle <a href="mailto:McGarrigle@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">McGarrigle@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>Sociology AQA A Level</b>	No changes.	No changes.	Fortnightly revision.	Mrs Eaton <a href="mailto:eaton@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">eaton@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>A level Biology</b>	No changes.	No changes.	No changes.	Mr Meecham <a href="mailto:Meecham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Meecham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>A Level Chemistry</b>	No changes.	No changes.	No changes.	Mr Meecham <a href="mailto:Meecham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Meecham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>



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<b>GCSE Trilogy Science</b>	No changes.	No changes.	No changes.	Mr Meecham <a href="mailto:Meecham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Meecham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>GCSE Triple Science</b>	No changes.	No changes.	No changes.	Mr Meecham <a href="mailto:Meecham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Meecham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>GCSE PE Edexcel</b>	There will now only be 2 required practicals and not 3.	There will now only be 2 required practicals and not 3.	No changes.	Mr Hallam <a href="mailto:Hallam@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Hallam@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>Sport BTEC</b>	Changes to be confirmed by the exam board.			Mr Hallam <a href="mailto:Hallam@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Hallam@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
<b>A Level PE AQA</b>	No changes.	Moderation will now be videoed and not live.	Students will have opportunities to be recorded earlier in the year.	Mr Hallam <a href="mailto:Hallam@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk">Hallam@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>