

Your GCSE exams in 2022

In 2020 and 2021, national exams could not take place, so GCSE grades were determined by teacher assessment.

The plan for 2022 is for GCSEs to go ahead, but with a few changes to help you prioritise your revision, and make sure you are not disadvantaged for any work you've missed in the last two years. Here is a summary of some of the changes for Pearson Edexcel GCSEs in 2022.

Your teacher is the best person to explain these to you.

Options

For some subjects, you will **not answer questions in the exam** on one option from your GCSE course. This will save you time in your revision. **Check with your teachers** to see which option you will be skipping.



In paper 2 of **English Literature** you will only answer questions on the text you have studied, either your 19th century novel, or your poetry collection.



In paper 2 of **Geography A** you will only answer questions on the topic you have studied, either Topic 5: Global Development or Topic 6: Resource Management.



In paper 1 of **Geography B** you will only answer questions on the section you have studied, either Section B: Development Dynamics or Section C: Challenges of an Urbanising World.



In **History** you will only be assessed on three units rather than four. You will still be assessed on your Modern Depth Study.

Advance information

To make it easier for you to prepare for your 2022 GCSEs, **advance information** will be available for all subjects except English Literature, Geography, History and Art and Design.

For many GCSE subjects, the advance information will provide you with guidance about **which topics from the specification** will be assessed on which exam paper.

You won't be given information about specific questions, and you might still need to use other knowledge and skills from your **whole course**, especially on lower mark questions, or as a part of longer questions.

Using the advance information

Apart from any options or set texts you are skipping completely in English, History or Geography, you should **revise your whole course** in the run up to your exams.

But you can use the advance information to help you **prioritise your revision**, and decide which topics and skills to focus on when preparing for your exams. For example, you could make a revision hitlist of topics for each paper, or plan extra practice sessions on those areas of your course.

Your teachers will help you create a revision plan that makes the most of the advance information.

Formulae and equations

In a normal exam year you would need to memorise formulae and equations for Maths, Physics and Combined Science. For 2022, sheets containing these formulae and equations will be provided **in your exams**. You can save a bit of revision time by not memorizing them, but make sure you're familiar with them and know how to use them to solve problems!

Perimeter, area and volume

Where a and b are the lengths of the parallel sides and h is their perpendicular separation:

$$\text{Area of a trapezium} = \frac{1}{2}(a + b)h$$

The Pearson Edexcel Maths formulae sheet will include information on what each variable represents in a formula. It's available now on the [Pearson website](#).

Non-exam assessments

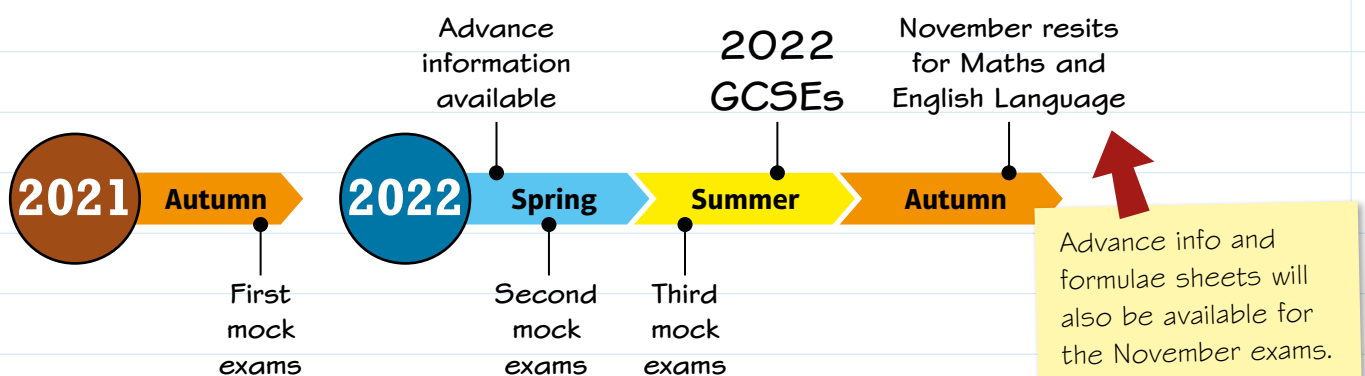
Some subjects that contain performance or practical work have been changed to make it easier to demonstrate your skills safely during the pandemic. And in Geography you won't need to answer exam questions about your own fieldwork. **You will still be required to answer questions about fieldwork in an unfamiliar context.**

Your teachers will be able to tell you about any changes for your subjects.

What if there's another lockdown?

Everyone hopes this won't happen, but just in case, you will take mock exams covering parts of your course in the run up to your GCSEs. If the exams are cancelled in 2022, these will be used to help determine your grade. If not, they're great practice for your GCSEs in the summer!

2022 GCSE timeline



Prepare for revision

- ✓ Set yourself simple targets, like reviewing one page of your Revision Guide in a 20 minute study session, or completing one page from your Practice Book.
- ✓ Phone a friend! If you're struggling with a topic, ask one of your friends if they've figured it out and can explain it to you.
- ✓ Find a quiet space at home or at school – use headphones if it helps you to concentrate.
- ✓ Put your phone on silent, and try not to get distracted by TV or the internet.
- ✓ Drink plenty of water, get plenty of sleep, take breaks and stay active!