

Adjustments to 2022 A-Level Exams

Subject	Adjustments Made
English Literature	There has been a reduction in the number of poems to learn from the 'Poems of the Decade' anthology. Students have been given the revised list.
Maths	The guidance provides us with a topic breakdown for each paper, which has been shared with students.
Biology	Advanced information on the major focus of the examinations has been released and has been shared with students.
Chemistry	Advanced information on the major focus of the examinations has been released and has been shared with students.
Physics	Advanced information on the major focus of the examinations has been released and has been shared with students.
History	Advanced notice of topics to be tested in all three examined units. No changes to the 'coursework' unit.
Geography	There is NO CHANGE to the total number and length of papers that candidates will sit, or the type of questions they will answer in their exams. However, the exam board has issued guidance about some areas of the specification that will not be specifically examined in the papers (even though all knowledge is useful and can be used in candidates' answers if it is appropriate, so no learning is wasted). A detailed document containing the changes (specifically the 'various elements' referred to below) has already been shared with students.
Religious Studies	Students will sit three papers and usual, but with adjustments. All students have been provided with a detailed breakdown of the pre-release. It is important to note that where information has been given this relates the direct focus of the question. In Philosophy, Religion and Ethics we have synoptic questions which will require students to draw on information from other, removed, sections of the Scheme of Work. In other words, these topics should be directly revised but the other, removed, sections should be understood as a part of the wider understanding of the faith looked at and students will be credited for using it. Full schemes of work have been given to students and these should be consulted in addition to this information.
Sociology	<p>ALL the specification content must be covered, this means that no topics have been 'taken out' of the exam. The topics identified in the advance will be featured on the exam, but this does not exclude topics not listed. This is because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Students will be credited for using any relevant knowledge from any non-listed topic areas when answering questions. o Content not listed Content may appear in lower tariff questions (10 marks or less) o Students will be expected to draw on knowledge, skills and understanding from across the specification when responding to synoptic questions and extended writing. A synoptic question requires students to draw knowledge and skills from more than one topic area. o Research methods remains an integral part of the subject and therefore will remain an integral feature of paper 1 (methods in context). o The advance notice should be used to guide revision; therefore, students must consider how to focus their revision for the topics not listed in the advance notice.

Psychology	<p>ALL the specification content must be covered, this means that no topics have been 'taken out' of the exam. The topics identified in the advance will be featured on the exam, but this does not exclude topics not listed. This is because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Students will be credited for using any relevant knowledge from any non-listed topic areas when answering questions. o Students will be expected to draw on knowledge, skills and understanding from across the specification when responding to synoptic questions and extended writing. A synoptic question requires students to draw knowledge and skills from other topic areas. o Research methods remains an integral part of the subject and therefore will still feature as a continuous theme (synoptic element) throughout all papers and as a standalone topic on paper 2. o The advance notice should be used to guide revision; therefore, students must consider how to focus their revision for the topics not listed in the advance notice.
Business	Advanced notice of topics to be tested in all three papers and this has been shared with students.
Economics	Advanced notice of topics to be tested in all three papers and this has been shared with students.