

# Advance information summaries and guidance for Summer 2022

This document includes guidance agreed across JCQ awarding organisations, followed by the summaries of advance information for each specification.

## Summary guidance on Advance information for GCSE, AS and A-level qualifications, Summer 2022

The summary below has been agreed across JCQ awarding organisations (AOs). Whilst the information in this document is specific to AQA qualifications, the approach has been developed and agreed across all AOs and all AOs are publishing this information at the same time. Each AO's summary of advance information includes this common summary to ensure that all students and teachers receive a consistent message, whichever AO(s) they use for GCSE, AS and A-level qualifications in 2022.

### What to expect from AQA

### How will this summary support your understanding and expectations of advance information?

This summary aims to give teachers and students an indication of the approach that will be taken to advance information in each qualification for AQA<sup>1</sup>. Each awarding organisation has produced a similar summary based on the approach they are taking for each qualification. This summary is not the advance information itself which will be released online, for all subjects, by 7 February 2022 at the latest – unless the Department for Education (DfE) decides on an earlier release date. At least a week's notice will be given if it is decided that advance information will be released earlier than 7 February 2022. Note: Advance information will only be available from the AQA website. It will not be available from any other source.

Advance information is just one of the measures being taken to help support teachers and students for the summer 2022 exam series<sup>2</sup>. For details of all the measures being taken, in addition to advance information, visit [aqa.org.uk/2022-subject-changes](https://www.aqa.org.uk/2022-subject-changes)

This summary:

- is specific to AQA and should be read alongside the JCQ *Advance Information for Ofqual Regulated General Qualifications, Summer 2022* (found at [jqc.org.uk/summer-2022-arrangements](https://www.jcq.org.uk/summer-2022-arrangements))
- indicates what to expect when the advance information is published

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<sup>1</sup> Advance information will be available for the majority of GCSE, AS and A-level subjects. There will be advance information for all subjects except GCSE English Literature, History, Ancient History, Geography and Art and Design, and A/AS level Art and Design. The exceptions are either because of the nature of assessments in those subjects (assessment is by NEA in Art and Design qualifications) or because, following consultation by DfE and Ofqual, it has been decided that advance information will not be provided in subjects where optionality is being introduced for 2022.

<sup>2</sup> New advance information will also be provided for GCSE English language and GCSE mathematics exams scheduled for Autumn term 2022. It will be different from the advance information provided for GCSE English language and GCSE mathematics exams in summer 2022.

- is not the advance information itself. Each awarding organisation has published a summary to help you understand what you will receive in February to cover an equivalent level of detail for their GCSE, AS and A-level qualifications<sup>3</sup>.

## Why is this summary being published ahead of release of the advance information?

Advance information is intended to communicate, ahead of the exams, the focus of the content of the exams or part of the exams that will be assessed in the exam papers. As stated by DfE, the purpose of advance information is to support revision. The principles applied to every subject by each awarding organisation when developing advance information are the same.

- We have avoided providing so much detail that answers to likely questions could be pre-prepared and memorised.
- We have made sure advance information does not:
  - undermine the value of the qualification in supporting student progression
  - directly provide answers to other, potentially low tariff(mark), questions
  - compromise the capability of the exams to sufficiently differentiate between students' performances.

A consequence of the agreed principles for advance information is that it will not always be possible to detail everything that is in the exam. In some cases this would risk undermining good education, progression, or fair results; in others it would be unhelpful to teachers and students, for example by listing all topics which could lead to excessive teaching or revision on areas that are worth few marks. This means that in some subjects for instance the advance information will not apply to certain papers or parts of papers.

We have produced this summary to help teachers and students better understand some of the restrictions on advance information (for example what can be covered and so you know what to expect for the subjects you teach or study), to aid planning in advance of the release of advance information.

## Key points to remember about advance information

- It can be used flexibly by centres to achieve its purpose of supporting revision. Advance information should not, however, be used to narrow teaching and learning.
- It can be used by teachers in supporting their students' revision and referred to by students in their revision and final exam preparation.
- It cannot be brought into the exams.
- It will not be at a level that allows questions to be predicted or answers prepared.

A good, broad understanding of all the content of the specification is always the best preparation for success in an exam. Teachers and students should bear in mind that prior learning in a key idea or topic area might provide useful knowledge and understanding and be required for students to be able to answer questions fully. This is particularly the case, for

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<sup>3</sup> Synoptic questions are those that give students the opportunity to draw together knowledge, skills and understanding from across the full course of study.

instance, for synoptic questions and those questions marked using a levels of response mark scheme.

Students' preparation for exams should continue to focus on knowledge and understanding that can be applied appropriately in the context of unseen exam questions.

If you have any queries on the information provided in this document please visit [aqa.org.uk/contact-us](https://www.aqa.org.uk/contact-us)

## Summaries of advance information

These summaries aim to give an indication of the approach that will be taken in each specification so you know what to expect.

Many subjects also have other changes for 2022. For more information on these changes, visit: [aqa.org.uk/2022-subject-changes](https://www.aqa.org.uk/2022-subject-changes)

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[Media Studies \(GCSE\)](#)  
[Media Studies \(A-level\)](#)  
[Music \(GCSE\)](#)  
[Music \(A-level\)](#)  
[Panjabi \(GCSE\)](#)  
[Panjabi \(A-level\)](#)  
[Philosophy \(A-level\)](#)  
[Physical Education \(GCSE\)](#)  
[Physical Education \(A-level\)](#)  
[Physics \(GCSE\)](#)  
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## Accounting (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed in sections B and C on each paper, in specification order, not in question order.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple choice or synoptic questions.

## Bengali (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 4 (Writing) only, for both Foundation and Higher Tiers.

Advance information will identify the specification topics which will be the focus of the assessment, listed in specification order.

Advance information will not be provided for the translation questions.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA GCSE languages specifications.

GCSE Bengali includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Bengali | Changes for 2022](#)

## Bengali (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1 (Section A Reading and Translation) and Paper 3.

Advance information will identify the sub-themes and bullet points from the specification, listed in specification order, that will be the focus of the assessment.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA A-level languages specifications.

## Biology (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components for both Foundation and Higher tiers.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA GCSE Science specifications.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will form the focus of the assessment on each paper, in specification content order, not in question order.

Topics not included on the lists for assessment may still appear in low tariff or 'linked content' questions.

Advance information will list the titles of required practical activities assessed in the papers.

Assessment of practical skills, mathematics skills and working scientifically skills will occur throughout all papers as usual. Students will still be expected to apply their knowledge to unfamiliar contexts.

GCSE Biology includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Biology | Changes for 2022](#)

## Biology (AS)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA AS Science specifications.

Advance information will provide a list of 4-8 topics from the specification to be assessed on each paper. This list will be in rank order, by contribution to the overall mark for the paper, with the topic with the most marks listed first.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple-choice or synoptic questions.

Where a specific topic area includes questions directly linked to relevant practical skills/investigations, this will be indicated against the topic.

AS Biology includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | AS and A-level | Biology | Changes for 2022](#)

## Biology (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA A-level Science specifications.

Advance information will provide a list of 4–8 topics from the specification to be assessed on each paper. This will be in rank order, by contribution to the overall mark for the paper, with the topic with the most marks listed first.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple-choice or synoptic questions.

Where a specific topic area includes questions directly linked to relevant practical skills/investigations, this will be indicated against the topic.

A-level Biology includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | AS and A-level | Biology | Changes for 2022](#)



## Business (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in synoptic questions.

Advance information will identify the quantitative skills that will be assessed.

## Business (AS)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in synoptic questions.

Advance information will identify the quantitative skills that will be assessed.

## Business (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in synoptic questions.

Advance information will identify the quantitative skills that will be assessed.

## Chemistry (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components for both Foundation and Higher tiers.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA GCSE Science qualifications.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will form the focus of the assessment on each paper, in specification content order, not in question order.

Topics not included on the lists for assessment may still appear in low tariff or 'linked content' questions.

Advance information will list the titles of required practical activities assessed in the papers.

Assessment of practical skills, mathematics skills and working scientifically skills will occur throughout all papers as usual. Students will still be expected to apply their knowledge to unfamiliar contexts.

GCSE Chemistry includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Chemistry | Changes for 2022](#)

## Chemistry (AS)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA AS Science specifications.

Advance information will provide a list of 4-8 topics from the specification to be assessed on each paper. This list will be in rank order, by contribution to the overall mark for the paper, with the topic with the most marks listed first.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple-choice or synoptic questions.

Where a specific topic area includes questions directly linked to relevant practical skills/investigations, this will be indicated against the topic.

AS Chemistry includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | AS and A-level | Chemistry | Changes for 2022](#)

## Chemistry (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA A-level Science specifications.

Advance information will provide a list of 4-8 topics from the specification to be assessed on each paper. This list will be in rank order, by contribution to the overall mark for the paper, with the topic with the most marks listed first.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple-choice or synoptic questions.

Where a specific topic area includes questions directly linked to relevant practical skills/investigations, this will be indicated against the topic.

A-level Chemistry includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | AS and A-level | Chemistry | Changes for 2022](#)

## Chinese (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 4 (Writing) only, for both Foundation and Higher Tiers.

Advance information will identify the specification topics which will be the focus of the assessment, listed in specification order.

Advance Information will not be provided for the translation questions.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA GCSE languages specifications.

GCSE Chinese includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | Languages | GCSE | Chinese \(Spoken Mandarin\)](#)

## Citizenship Studies (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order. The higher tariff questions will draw on these topics.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple choice or synoptic questions.

GCSE Citizenship Studies includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Citizenship Studies | Changes for 2022](#)

## Combined Science (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components for both Foundation and Higher tiers.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA GCSE Science qualifications.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will form the focus of the assessment on each paper, in specification content order, not in question order.

Topics not included on the list for assessment may still appear in low tariff or 'linked content' questions.

Advance information will list the titles of required practical activities assessed in the papers.

Assessment of practical skills, mathematics skills and working scientifically skills will occur throughout all papers as usual. Students will still be expected to apply their knowledge to unfamiliar contexts.

GCSE Combined Science includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Combined Science: Trilogy | Changes for 2022](#) or [AQA | GCSE | Combined Science: Synergy | Changes for 2022](#)

## Computer Science (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 2 only.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed in Paper 2, in specification order, not in question order.

Students may draw on knowledge, skills and understanding from across the specification when responding to questions.

## Computer Science (AS)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 2 only.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed in Paper 2, in specification order, not in question order.

Students may draw on knowledge, skills and understanding from across the specification when responding to questions.

## Computer Science (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1, Section A and Paper 2.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed in Paper 1 section A and Paper 2, in specification order, not in question order.

Students may draw on knowledge, skills and understanding from across the specification when responding to questions.

## Dance (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for the written paper – Component 2: Dance appreciation, section C (Critical appreciation of professional works) only.

Advance information will specify which set works will be targeted in the assessment.

GCSE Dance includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | Dance | GCSE | Dance](#)

## Dance (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for the written paper – Component 2: Critical engagement, section A only.

Advance information will specify which dances from the set work will be targeted in the assessment.

A-level Dance includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | A-level | Dance | Changes for 2022](#)

## Design and Technology (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for the examined component only.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on the paper, in specification order, not in question order. The higher tariff questions will draw on these topics.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed, mainly in lower tariff, multiple choice or synoptic questions.

Advance information will not be provided for questions assessing the use of mathematical skills.

GCSE Design and Technology includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Design and Technology | Changes for 2022](#)

## Design and Technology (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order. The higher tariff questions will draw on these topics.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed, mainly in lower tariff or synoptic questions.

Advance information will not be provided for questions assessing the use of mathematical skills.

A-level Design and Technology includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | A-level | Design and Technology: Fashion and Textiles | Changes for 2022](#)

## Drama (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for the written paper – Component 1: Understanding Drama, Section B (study of set play) only.

Advance information will set out the start and end points of a section from each of the set texts. The specific extract that will be assessed in the exam will be taken from this section.

GCSE Drama includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Drama | Changes for 2022](#)

## Drama and Theatre (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for the written paper – Component 1: Drama and Theatre. Advance information will be provided for Sections A and B only:

Section A: Drama through the ages – Advance information will include a range of characters and/or theatrical elements (for example design elements or themes from the play) for each set text. The assessment will focus on one or more of these characters and/or theatrical elements.

Section B: 20th and 21st century drama – Advance information will set out the start and end points of a section from each of the set texts. The specific extract that will be assessed in the exam will be taken from this section.

A-level Drama and Theatre includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | A-level | Drama and Theatre | Changes for 2022](#)

## Economics (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple choice or synoptic questions.

Advance information will identify the quantitative skills that will be assessed.

## Economics (AS)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in synoptic questions.

Advance information will identify the quantitative skills that will be assessed.

## Economics (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in synoptic questions.

Advance information will identify the quantitative skills that will be assessed.

## Engineering (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for the examined component only.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on the paper, in specification order, not in question order. The higher tariff questions will draw on these topics.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed, mainly in lower tariff, multiple choice or synoptic questions.

Advance information will not be provided for questions assessing the use of mathematical skills.

GCSE Engineering includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Engineering | Changes for 2022](#)

## English Language (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 2 (Writers' viewpoints and perspectives) only.

Advance information will identify the text types of the unseen reading sources in Section A and the text type required in the writing task in Section B.

GCSE English Language includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | English Language | Changes for 2022](#)

## English Language (AS)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1 (Textual Variations and Representations) only.

Advance information will provide the genre of one unseen text and the purpose of the other.

## English Language (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1 Section A (Textual Variations and Representations) and Paper 2 Section B (Language Discourses) only.

Advance information will provide the genre of each of the unseen texts in these sections.

## English Language and Literature (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1 Section A (Remembered places) and Paper 2 Section A (Writing about society).

For Paper 1 Section A (Remembered places) students will be provided with a reduced list of anthology texts. The texts named in the question will be taken from this reduced list.

For Paper 2 Section A (Writing about society) students will be provided with the start and end points of a section from each of the set texts. This specified section for each set text will be the basis of the recast.

## English Literature A (AS)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1 Section A (Shakespeare) only and indicate the act from which the extract is taken.

## English Literature A (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1 Section A (Shakespeare) only and indicate the act from which the extract is taken

## English Literature B (AS)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1A/B Section A (Shakespeare) only and indicate the act from which the extract is taken.



## English Literature B (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1A/B Section A (Shakespeare) only and indicate the act from which the extract is taken

## Environmental Science (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA A-level Science specifications.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification to be assessed on each paper. This list will be in rank order, by contribution to the overall mark for the paper, with the topic with the most marks listed first.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple-choice or synoptic questions.

Where a specific topic area includes questions directly linked to relevant practical skills/investigations, this will be indicated against the topic.

A-level Environmental Science includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | AS and A-level | Environmental Science | Changes for 2022](#)

## Food Preparation and Nutrition (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for the examined component only.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on the paper, in specification order, not in question order. The higher tariff questions will draw on these topics.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed, mainly in lower tariff, multiple choice or synoptic questions.

GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Food Preparation and Nutrition | Changes for 2022](#)

## French (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 4 (Writing) only, for both Foundation and Higher Tiers.

Advance information will identify the specification topics which will be the focus of the assessment, listed in specification order.

Advance Information will not be provided for the translation questions.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA GCSE languages specifications.

GCSE French includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | French | Changes for 2022](#)

## French (AS)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1, Paper 2 (Section A translation) and Paper 3.

Advance Information will identify the sub-themes and bullet points from the specification, listed in specification order, that will be the focus of the assessment.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA AS languages specifications.

## French (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1 and Paper 3 (Part 1 – Discussion of sub-theme).

Advance information will identify the sub-themes and bullet points from the specification, listed in specification order, that will be the focus of the assessment.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA A-level languages specifications

## Further Mathematics (AS)

Advance information will be provided for all examined papers.

Advance information will list the specification content that will be assessed in each section on each paper, in approximate specification order, not question order.

Topics not explicitly stated on the list may still be applicable to synoptic questions.

## Further Mathematics (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for all examined papers.

The Advance information will list the specification content that will be assessed in each section on each paper, in approximate specification order, not question order.

Topics not explicitly stated on the list may still be applicable to synoptic questions.

## Further Mathematics (AQA Certificate Level 2)

Advance information will be provided for all examined papers.

Advance information will be provided for each paper and also collated for both papers.

Advance information will list the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification content order, not question order. The content will be grouped and presented by broad topic and then further detail. For example: Geometry: Geometric proof

Formulae sheets will be provided as inserts in each exam paper and can be found at: [AQA | AQA Certificate | Level 2 Further Mathematics | Changes for 2022](#)

## Geography (AS)

Advance information will be provided for all core and optional content in Component 1 (Physical geography and people and the environment) and for Component 2 (Human geography and geography fieldwork investigation) Section A (Changing Places)

Advance information will list the specification content to be assessed in the exams. The information will list the subject content headings and their associated content as well as skills from the Geographical Skills list. This will be presented in specification order, not in question order.

Responses should draw upon other areas of specification content where relevant.

Advance information will not be provided for unfamiliar fieldwork.

AS Geography includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | AS and A-level | Geography | Changes for 2022](#)

## Geography (A-level)

Advance Information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will list the specification content to be assessed in the exams. The information will list the subject content headings and their associated content as well as skills from the Geographical Skills list. This will be presented in specification order, not in question order.

Responses should draw upon other areas of specification content where relevant.

A-level Geography includes other adaptations to fieldwork and NEA. For more information visit: [AQA | AS and A-level | Geography | Changes for 2022](#)

## German (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 4 (Writing) only, for both Foundation and Higher Tiers.

Advance information will identify the specification topics which will be the focus of the assessment, listed in specification order.

Advance information will not be provided for the translation questions.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA GCSE languages specifications.

GCSE German includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | German | Changes for 2022](#)

## German (AS)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1, Paper 2 (Section A translation) and Paper 3.

Advance information will identify the sub-themes and bullet points from the specification, listed in specification order, that will be the focus of the assessment.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA AS languages specifications.

## German (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1 and Paper 3 (Part 1 – Discussion of sub-theme).

Advance information will identify the sub-themes and bullet points from the specification, listed in specification order, that will be the focus of the assessment.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA A-level languages specifications.

## Hebrew (Biblical) (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 2 and Paper 3.

Advance information will indicate a reduced range of chapters/Psalms from the set texts and the extracts used in the assessments will be taken from this reduced range.

## Hebrew (Modern) (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 4 (Writing) only, for both Foundation and Higher Tiers.

Advance information will identify the specification topics which will be the focus of the assessment, listed in specification order.

Advance information will not be provided for the translation questions.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA GCSE languages specifications.

GCSE Modern Hebrew includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Modern Hebrew | Changes for 2022](#)

## Hebrew (Modern) (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1 (Section A Reading and translation) and Paper 3.

Advance information will identify the sub-themes and bullet points from the specification, listed in specification order, that will be the focus of the assessment.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA A-level languages specifications.

## History (AS)

Advance information will be provided for both examined papers.

Advance information will be provided for every option in Paper 1 and Paper 2.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be the focus of the assessment in each paper, in specification order, not in question order.

## History (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for both examined papers.

Advance information will be provided for every option in Paper 1 and Paper 2.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will be the focus of the assessment in each paper, in specification order, not in question order.

## Italian (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 4 (Writing) only, for both Foundation and Higher Tiers.

Advance information will identify the specification topics which will be the focus of the assessment, listed in specification order.

Advance information will not be provided for the translation questions.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA GCSE languages specifications.

GCSE Italian includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Italian | Changes for 2022](#)

## Law (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order. The higher tariff questions will draw on these topics.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple choice or synoptic questions.

## Mathematics (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for all examined papers, for both Foundation and Higher Tier.

Advance information will be provided for each paper within each tier and also collated for each whole tier.

Advance information will list the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification content order, not question order. The content will be grouped and presented by broad content theme, then topic and then further detail. For example:  
Algebra : Sequences : linear

Formulae sheets will be provided as inserts in each exam paper and can be found at [AQA | GCSE | Mathematics | Changes for 2022](#)

## Mathematics (AS)

Advance information will be provided for all examined papers.

Advance information will list the specification content that will be assessed in each section on each paper, in approximate specification content order, not question order.

Topics not explicitly stated on the list may still be applicable to synoptic questions.

## Mathematics (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for all examined papers.

Advance information will list the specification content that will be assessed in each section on each paper, in approximate specification content order, not question order.

Topics not explicitly stated on the list may still be applicable to synoptic questions.

## Mathematical Studies (AQA Certificate Level 3)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1.

Advance information will list the specification content that will be assessed on the paper, in specification content order, not question order.

The content will be grouped and presented by topic, then specific content within that topic. For example:

Numerical calculations – finding approximate solutions to problems in financial contexts.

Additional information will be given as appropriate, for example in clarifying types of diagram that will be assessed.

## Media Studies (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components – Media one and Media two.

Advance information will be provided on the specification's set media forms and products to be assessed in each section and the area of the theoretical framework/media context they will be assessed against.

GCSE Media Studies includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Media Studies | Changes for 2022](#)

## Media Studies (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components – Media one and Media two.

Advance information will be provided on the specification's set media forms and products to be assessed in each section and the area of the theoretical framework/media context they will be assessed against.

A-level Media Studies includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | A-level | Media Studies | Changes for 2022](#)

## Music (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for the examined component – Component 1: Understanding music, Section A and Section B:

Section A: Listening – Advance information will indicate the style/genre for each area of study from the specification.

Section B: Contextual understanding – Advance information will identify the study pieces on which the extended questions will draw.

GCSE Music includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Music | Changes for 2022](#)

## Music (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for the examined component – Component 1: Appraising music, Section B (Analysis) Only.

Advance information will identify the set works that will feature in Section B.

A-level Music includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | A-level | Music | Changes for 2022](#)

## Panjabi (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 4 (Writing) only, for both Foundation and Higher Tiers.

Advance information will identify the specification topics which will be the focus of the assessment, listed in specification order.

Advance information will not be provided for the translation questions.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA GCSE languages specifications.

GCSE Panjabi includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Panjabi | Changes for 2022](#)

## Panjabi (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1 (Section A Reading and translation) and Paper 3.

Advance information will identify the sub-themes and bullet points from the specification, listed in specification order, that will be the focus of the assessment.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA A-level languages specifications.

## Philosophy (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order.



## Physical Education (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple choice or synoptic questions.

GCSE Physical Education includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Physical Education | Changes for 2022](#)

## Physical Education (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple choice or synoptic questions.

A-level Physical Education includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | A-level | Physical Education | Changes for 2022](#)

## Physics (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components for both Foundation and Higher tiers.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA GCSE Science qualifications.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification that will form the focus of the assessment on each paper, in specification content order, not in question order.

Topics not included on the lists for assessment may still appear in low tariff or 'linked content' questions.

Advance information will list the titles of required practical activities assessed in the papers.

Assessment of practical skills, mathematics skills and working scientifically skills will occur throughout all papers as usual. Students will still be expected to apply their knowledge to unfamiliar contexts.

GCSE Physics includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Physics | Changes for 2022](#)

## Physics (AS)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA AS Science specifications.

Advance Information will provide a list of 4-8 topics from the specification to be assessed on each paper. This list will be in rank order, by contribution to the overall mark for the paper, with the topic with the most marks listed first.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple-choice or synoptic questions.

Where a specific topic area includes questions directly linked to relevant practical skills/investigations, this will be indicated against the topic.

AS Physics includes further adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | AS and A-level | Physics | Changes for 2022](#)

## Physics (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA A-level Science specifications.

Advance information will provide a list of 4-8 topics from the specification to be assessed on each paper. This list will be in rank order, by contribution to the overall mark for the paper, with the topic with the most marks listed first.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple-choice or synoptic questions.

Where a specific topic area includes questions directly linked to relevant practical skills/investigations, this will be indicated against the topic.

A-level Physics includes further adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | AS and A-level | Physics | Changes for 2022](#)

## Polish (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 4 (Writing) only, for both Foundation and Higher Tiers.

Advance information will identify the specification topics which will be the focus of the assessment, listed in specification order.

Advance Information will not be provided for the translation questions.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA GCSE languages specifications.

GCSE Polish includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Polish | Changes for 2022](#)

## Polish (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1 (Section A Reading and translation) and Paper 3.

Advance Information will identify the sub-themes and bullet points from the specification, listed in specification order, that will be the focus of the assessment.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA A-level languages specifications.

## Politics (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for:

- Component 1 (Government and Politics of the UK)
- Component 2 (Government and Politics of the USA and Comparative Politics)
- Component 3 (Political Ideas), Section B only.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in lower tariff or synoptic questions.

## Psychology (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will be provided for:

- Paper 1
  - Section A: Memory
  - Section B: Perception
- Paper 2
  - Section B: Language, thought and communication
  - Section C: Brain and neuropsychology
  - Section D: Psychological problems

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order.

## Psychology (AS)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed in each paper, in specification order, not in question order.

Advance information will not be provided for the assessment of research methods in any examined component.

Content not listed in the advance information may still be applicable when responding to synoptic questions.

## Psychology (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed in each paper, in specification order, not in question order.

Advance information will not be provided for the assessment of research methods in any examined component.

Content not listed in the advance information may still be applicable when responding to synoptic questions.

## Religious Studies A (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for Component 1: The study of religions only.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed in the paper, in specification order, not in question order.

Responses could draw upon other areas of specification content where relevant.

## Religious Studies B (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for Component 1: Catholic Christianity only.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on the paper, in specification order, not in question order.

Responses could draw upon other areas of specification content where relevant.

## Religious Short Course (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for the study of religions sections of the specification only.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed, in specification order, not in question order.

Responses could draw upon other areas of specification content where relevant.

## Religious Studies (AS)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order.

Responses could draw upon other areas of specification content where relevant.

## Religious Studies (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order.

Responses could draw upon other areas of specification content where relevant.

## Sociology (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order. The higher tariff questions will draw on these topics.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in low tariff, multiple choice or synoptic questions.

## Sociology (AS)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order. The higher tariff questions will draw on these topics.

Advance information will not be provided for the assessment of Methods in Context.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in lower tariff or synoptic questions.

## Sociology (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for all examined components.

Advance information will provide a list of topics from the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification order, not in question order. The higher tariff questions will draw on these topics.

Advance information will not be provided for the assessment of Methods in Context.

Topics not included on the list may still be assessed in lower tariff or synoptic questions.

## Spanish (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 4 (Writing) only, for both Foundation and Higher Tiers.

Advance information will identify the specification topics which will be the focus of the assessment, listed in specification order.

Advance information will not be provided for the translation questions.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA GCSE languages specifications.

GCSE Spanish includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Spanish | Changes for 2022](#)

## Spanish (AS)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1, Paper 2 (Section A translation) and Paper 3.

Advance information will identify the sub-themes and bullet points from the specification, listed in specification order, that will be the focus of the assessment.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA AS languages specifications.

## Spanish (A-level)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 1 and Paper 3 (Part 1 – Discussion of sub-theme).

Advance information will identify the sub-themes and bullet points from the specification, listed in specification order, that will be the focus of the assessment.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA A-level languages specifications.

## Statistics (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for all examined papers, for both Foundation and Higher Tier.

Advance information will be provided for each paper within each tier and also collated for each whole tier.

Advance information will list the specification content that will be assessed on each paper, in specification content order, not question order. The content will be grouped and presented by broad content theme, then topic, for example: Selection and Collection of Data: Random sample

## Urdu (GCSE)

Advance information will be provided for Paper 4 (Writing) only, for both Foundation and Higher Tiers.

Advance information will identify the specification topics which will be the focus of the assessment, listed in specification order.

Advance information will not be provided for the translation questions.

We've used a consistent approach across all AQA GCSE languages specifications.

GCSE Urdu includes other adaptations for 2022. For more information visit: [AQA | GCSE | Urdu | Changes for 2022](#)