

Changes to GCSE 2021 Entry Overview

Subject	Changes to 2021 Examination / Specification	How Holbrook will adapt SOW / Teaching Time
Art	No ESA	With the loss of 10 hour mock and 10 hour exam, a dedicated timetable of lessons will be drawn up so that students keep to a strict schedule to ensure high quality work is completed.
Business	No change	
Computer Science	Permit programming project to be undertaken in unsupervised time.	Total time = 20hours. Prep work (analyse, design and test plans) completed over summer holiday and/or in own time once back in school. Programming to be completed in lesson. Save 5 - 8 hours.
Drama	Permit live performance statement to be satisfied through streamed or recorded performances. Require exam boards to permit students to analyse and evaluate the work of others based on live theatre and/or streamed or recorded performances.	Complete devising then prepare for Presenting and Performing texts. Using technology and lesson time to 'capture' practical where possible as evidence base.
DT	Permit exam boards to accept mock-ups and/or clear and detailed intentions of prototypes. Permit demonstration of using machinery/tools/processes	Exam boards to provide clarification about their requirements.
English Language	No requirement to film spoken language assessment.	Students may take the assessment virtually or in front of one teacher instead of an audience.
English Literature	All students will be assessed on a play by Shakespeare and on 2 of the remaining 3 areas of content: poetry; 19th century novel; or fiction/drama from the British Isles from 1914.	Students will not be studying A Christmas Carol for this year's exams and will instead focus on An Inspector Calls, Conflict and Power poems, unseen poetry and Macbeth. We will now be recovering Macbeth in detail, completing and revising our knowledge of the poems studying An Inspector Calls in detail. Schemes of learning have been updated to help focus on revising key quotes and references; revising key themes and subject terms; examination technique; extended writing skills and contextual factors that need revising.

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Food Prep	50% examination, 50% NEA.	Remove NEA 1. Cover content in the teaching. NEA 2, permit exam boards to release task early and to reduce requirement to 2 dishes in 2 hours. Permit demonstrations of preparation and cooking techniques by teachers.
French	Paper 2 Speaking will not be included in the exam. Instead speaking skills will be assessed throughout the year in normal classroom activities. There will be no requirement to submit examples of student attainment for moderation.	Priority now will be on covering required themes and topics, improving writing skills which will now present the biggest challenge.
Geography	No longer required to go on fieldtrip to complete 2 fieldwork investigations however students will still be assessed on unseen fieldwork. These changes have removed the need for about 6 hours of teaching and 1 day trip. This is around 8% of the total course.	About 3 of the gained 6 hours will need to be used to teach unseen fieldwork skills in the classroom. Every lesson will be vital, with more focus on revising/consolidating learning at home.
History	4 study units being reduced to 3	Elizabethan England unit to be dropped.
i-Media	No change	
Maths	No change	
Music	<p>1. Students are no longer required to perform in front of a live audience as part of their externally assessed core unit. 2. Removal/Reduction of the requirement to perform/record as an ensemble. 3. Removal of controlled conditions for externally assessed units. 4. Extension of external assessment window by two months.</p> <p>These changes have not yet been confirmed and are subject to change based on the Ofqual changes set out for vocational qualifications.</p>	<p>1. Students will perform in front of staff members at the Academy. 2. Students will still be encouraged to perform within an ensemble as this doesn't conflict with current COVID procedures/bubbles, however, allowances will be made should students feel more comfortable to perform as a solo or with DSM. 3. No action for this point. Controlled conditions will still be met, however, in the event of a closure, students will still be able to complete their coursework. 4. External assessment will commence two months earlier than planned. Please see note about confirmation from Ofqual.</p>

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PE	Permit exam boards to reduce requirement to 2 activities and allow both to be individual. Permit remote moderation using videoed evidence for all activities. Permit exam boards to explore relaxation of the requirements for provision of evidence for example, type and quality of videoed evidence and the evidence of participation in competitive sport	TBC.
RS	No changes	
Science	Students will no longer be required to carry out the required practical experiments themselves.	Where possible, practicals will be carried out (for example if lessons are in labs, enough equipment for it not to be shared across year groups etc). Teachers will have more time to spend demonstrating practicals and more time therefore available to focus on theory.
Spanish	Paper 2 Speaking will not be included in the exam. Instead speaking skills will be assessed throughout the year in normal classroom activities. There will be no requirement to submit examples of student attainment for moderation.	Priority now will be on covering required themes and topics and improving writing skills which will now present the biggest challenge.