



Portadown College

External Examinations 2021 – 22

GCSE: Summer Entries - Optional Units

Below are the assessment units for each GCSE subject, including those subjects which have had units omitted from compulsory assessment in Summer 22.

Your GCSE grade will be calculated on performance in these compulsory units alone (with unit weighting adjusted accordingly).

However, if a student chooses to sit one of these omitted optional units, they will receive the higher grade of either:

- the compulsory unit(s) alone; or
- the compulsory and optional units combined.

Portadown College, the Department of Education and CCEA strongly recommend that students sit the compulsory units alone (unless in exceptional circumstances as advised by the school).

In cases below where a unit has been '*adapted*', the unit remains mandatory but certain elements within have been reduced. A specific adaptation has been designed for Religious Studies and candidates will be contacted about this in due course.

By default, students will be entered into the compulsory unit(s) only for each subject. Therefore, **to choose an omitted unit**, students must follow the process set out on their Year Group Google Classroom (*Classwork > Examinations > Omitted Exam Units*) by **Friday 28th January**.

Please be advised that in line with previous correspondence, **an omitted coursework/internal assessment module cannot now be selected for optional entry in Summer 22**. Details on the mandatory coursework units can be found on our website:

<https://www.portadowncollege.com/controlled-assessment/>

GCSE

Department & Units

Normal Units

Unit Codes

Summer 22 Omissions

Agriculture & Land Use

Cash In: G0314

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Unit 1: Soils, Crops and Habitats	External Assessment / 1:15 / 25%	GGAU1	OMITTED
Unit 2: Animals on the Land:	External Assessment / 1:15 / 25%	GGAU2	Unchanged
Unit 3: Contemporary Issues in Agriculture and Land Use:	Controlled Assessment / 50%	GGAU3	Adapted

Art & Design

Cash In: G9080

[Amendment 2022](#)

Component 1: Part A: Exploratory Portfolio	Controlled Assessment / 25%		Unchanged
Component 1: Part B: Investigating the Creative and Cultural Industries	Controlled Assessment / 35%		Adaptions
Component 2: Externally Set Assignment	Controlled Assessment / 40%		OMITTED

Biology

Cash In: G9092

[Amendment 2022](#)

Unit 1: Cells, Living Processes and Biodiversity	Written Examination / 1:15 / 35%	GGBL1F / GGBL1H	Unchanged
Unit 2: Body Systems, Genetics, Microorganisms and Health	Written Examination / 1:30 / 40%	GGBL2F/ GGBL2H	Unchanged
Unit 3: Practical skills Booklet A	2 Hrs / 7.5%	GGBL3F/ GGBL3H	OMITTED
Unit 3: Practical skills Booklet B	1 Hr / 17.5%		

BCS

Cash In: G9382

[Amendment 2022](#)

Unit 1: Software Applications for Business	Computer-based examination / 2 Hrs / 40%	GGSY1	OMITTED
Unit 2: The Business Environment	External written examination / 1 hour / 35%	GGSY2	Unchanged
Unit 3: Developing Digital Solutions	Controlled Assessment /25%	GGSY3	Unchanged

Business Studies

Cash In: G9122

[Amendment 2022](#)

Unit 1: Starting a Business	Written examination / 1:30 / 40%	GGBU1	OMITTED
Unit 2: Developing a Business	Written examination / 1:30 / 40%	GGBU2	Unchanged
Unit 3: Planning a Business (Synoptic)	Controlled Assessment / 20%	GGBU3	Unchanged

Chemistry

Cash In: G9142

[Amendment 2022](#)

Unit 1: Structures, Trends, Chemical Reactions, Quantitative Chemistry and Analysis	Foundation Tier: 1 hour Higher Tier: 1 hour 15 mins / 35%	GGCM1F/ GGCM1H	Unchanged
Unit 2: Further Chemical Reactions, Rates and Equilibrium, Calculations and Organic	Foundation Tier: 1 hour 15 mins Higher Tier: 1 hour 30 mins / 40%	GGCM2F/ GGCM2H	Unchanged
Unit 3: Practical Skills Booklet A	Foundation and Higher Tiers: 2 hours / 7.5%	GGCM3F/ GGCM3H	OMITTED
Unit 3: Practical Skills Booklet B	Written Examination Foundation and Higher Tiers: 1 hour / 17.5%		

Digital Technology

[Amendment 2022](#)

UNIT 1: Compulsory core unit:	External written examination 1 hour / 30%	GGDG1	OMITTED
ROUTE A: Multimedia Cash In: G9582 (IT)			
Unit 2: Digital Authoring Concepts	External written examination / 1:30 / 40%	GGDG2	Unchanged
Unit 3: Digital Authoring Practice	Controlled Assessment / 30%	GGDG3	
ROUTE B: Programming Cash In: G9853 (Comp Studies)			
Unit 4: Digital Development Concepts	External written examination / 1:30 / 40%	GGDG4	Unchanged
Unit 5: Digital Development Practice	Controlled Assessment / 30%	GGDG5	

Drama

Cash In: G9260

Component 1: Devised Performance	Controlled assessment		OMITTED
Component 2: Scripted Performance	Controlled assessment		Amended
Component 3: Knowledge and Understanding of Drama	External written examination		Unchanged

English Language

Cash In: G9292

[Amendment 2022](#)

Unit 1: Writing for Purpose and Audience and Reading to Access Non-fiction and Media Texts	External written examination / 1 hour 45 mins / 30%	GGEN1	Unchanged
Unit 2: Speaking and Listening	Controlled assessment / 20%	GGEN2	Unchanged
Unit 3: Studying Spoken and Written Language	Controlled assessment / 20%	GGEN3	OMITTED
Unit 4: Personal or Creative Writing and Reading Literary and Non-fiction	External written examination / 1 hour 45 mins / 30%	GGEN4	Unchanged

English Literature

Cash In: G9302

[Amendment 2022](#)

Unit 1: The Study of Prose	External written examination / 1 hour 45 mins / 30%	GGEL1	OMITTED
Unit 2: The Study of Drama and Poetry	External written examination / 2 hours / 50%	GGEL2	Unchanged
Unit 3: The Study of Shakespeare	Controlled assessment / 2 hours / 20%	GGEL3	Unchanged

Food & Nutrition

Cash In: G9520 Linear

[Amendment 2022](#)

Component 1: Food and Nutrition	External written examination / 2 hours / 50%	G9520	Unchanged
Component 2: Practical Food and Nutrition	Controlled assessment: 50%	G9520	Amended

French

Cash In: G9324

[Amendment 2022](#)

Unit 1: Listening	External written examination / 25%	GGFC1F/ GGFC1H	Unchanged
Unit 2: Speaking	Teacher-conducted / externally marked / 25%	GGFC2	OMITTED
Unit 3: Reading	External written examination / 25%	GGFC3F/ GGFC3H	Unchanged
Unit 4: Writing	External written examination / 25%	GGFC4F/ GGFC4H	Unchanged

Further Maths

Cash In: G2337

[Amendment 2022](#)

Unit 1: Pure Mathematics (Mandatory)	External written examination / 2hrs / 50%	GGFM1	Unchanged
Unit 2: Mechanics (Optional)	External written examination / 1 Hr / 25%	GGFM2	1 from 3
Unit 3: Statistics(Optional)	External written examination / 1 Hr / 25%	GGFM3	1 from 3
Unit 4: Discrete and Decision Mathematics (Optional)	External written examination / 1 Hr / 25%	GGFM4	1 from 3

Geography

Cash In: G9362

[Amendment 2022](#)

Unit 1: Understanding Our Natural World	External written examination / 1: 30 mins / 40%	GGGY1	Unchanged
Unit 2: Living in Our World	External written examination / 1: 30 mins / 40%	GGGY2	Unchanged
Unit 3: Fieldwork	External written examination / 1 hour / 20%	GGGY3	OMITTED

History

Cash In: G9462

[Amendment 2022](#)

Unit 1: Option 1: Life in Nazi Germany, 1933–45 Option 2: Changing Relations: Northern Ireland and its Neighbours, 1965–98	External written examination / 1:45 mins / 60%	GGHR1	Unchanged
Unit 2: Outline Study International Relations, 1945–2003	External written examination 1 hour 15 mins	GGHR2	OMITTED

Journalism

Cash In: G9592

Last Cohort 2022

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Unit 1: Cross Platform Research Portfolio	Controlled assessment / 25%	GGJN1	OMITTED
Unit 2: Radio and Review Portfolio	Controlled assessment / 25%	GGJN2	Unchanged
Unit 3: Industry, Theory and Practice	External online examination 2 hours (break: 15 mins)	GGJN3	Unchanged

Learning for Life & Work

Cash In: G9622

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Unit 1: Local and Global Citizenship	External written examination / 1 hour / 20%	GGLF1	Unchanged
Unit 2: Personal Development	External written examination / 1 hour / 20%	GGLF2	Unchanged
Unit 3: Employability	External written examination / 1 hour / 20%	GGLF3	Unchanged
Unit 4: Controlled Assessment Task (Investigation)	Controlled assessment / 40%	GGLF4	OMITTED

Mathematics

Cash In: G9602

[Amendment 2022](#)

Unit M1: Foundation Tier	External written examination (calculator) / 1: 45 mins / 45%	GGMC1	Unchanged
Unit M5: Foundation Tier Completion Test	Paper 1 (without calculator) / 1 hour / 55%	GGMC5	Unchanged
	Paper 2 (calculator) / 1 hour		
Unit M2: Foundation Tier	External written examination (calculator) / 1: 45 mins / 45%	GGMC2	Unchanged
Unit M6: Foundation Tier Completion Test	Paper 1 (without calculator) / 1 hour / 55%	GGMC6	Unchanged
	Paper 2 (calculator) / 1 hour		
Unit M3: Higher Tier	External written examination (calculator) / 2hrs / 45%	GGMC3	Unchanged
Unit M7: Higher Tier Completion Test	Paper 1 (without calculator) / 1:15 mins / 55%	GGMC7	Unchanged
	Paper 2 (calculator) / 1:15 mins		
Unit M4: Higher Tier	External written examination (calculator) / 2hrs / 45%	GGMC4	Unchanged
Unit M8: Higher Tier Completion Test	Paper 1 (without calculator) / 1:15 mins / 55%	GGMC8	Unchanged
	Paper 2 (calculator) / 1:15 mins		

Moving Image Arts

Cash In: G9530 Linear

[Amendment 2022](#)

Component 1: Critical Understanding of Creative & Technical Moving Image	Compulsory online examination / 1: 30 mins / 40%	Unchanged
Component 2: Acquisition of Skills in Moving Image Production	Compulsory controlled assessment tasks / 20%	OMITTED
Component 3: Planning and Making a Moving Image Product	Compulsory controlled assessment portfolio / 40%	Unchanged

Music

Cash In: G9710 Linear

[Amendment 2022](#)

Component 1: Performing and Appraising	External examination with visiting examiner / 35%	Adapted
Component 2: Composing	Controlled assessment / 30%	Adapted
Component 3: Listening and Appraising	External written examination / 1:30 mins / 35%	Unchanged

Physical Education

Cash In: G9770 Linear

[Amendment 2022](#)

Component 1: Factors Underpinning Health and Performance	External written examination / 1 hour 15 mins / 25%	Unchanged
Component 2: Developing Performance	External written examination / 1 hour 15 mins / 25%	OMITTED
Component 3: Individual Performances in Physical Activities and Sports	Controlled assessment / 50%	Adapted

Physics

Cash In: G9762

[Amendment 2022](#)

Unit 1: Motion, Force, Density and Kinetic Theory, Energy, and Atomic and Nuclear Physics	37.5% Foundation Tier: 1:15 mins Higher Tier: 1:30 mins	GGPY1F/ GGPY1H	Unchanged
Unit 2: Waves, Light, Electricity, Magnetism, Electromagnetism and Space Physics	37.5% Foundation Tier: 1:15 mins Higher Tier: 1:30 mins	GGPY2F/ GGPY2H	Unchanged
Unit 3: Practical Skills Booklet A	Foundation and Higher Tiers: 2 hours / 7.5% Written Examination / 17.5%	GGPY3F/ GGPY3H	OMITTED
Unit 3: Practical Skills Booklet B	Foundation: 1 hour Higher: 1:15 Mins		

Religious Studies

Cash In: FC G9802 - SC G9803

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Unit 3: The Revelation of God and the Christian Church	External written examination / 1: 30 mins (10%) Unit 3 CA Task 2022	GGRE3 GGRT3	Adapted
Unit 6: An Introduction to Christian Ethics	External written examination / 1: 30 mins (90%) Unit 6 CA Task 2022	GGRE6 GGRT6	Unchanged

Single Award Science

Cash In: G9922

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Unit 1: Biology	External written examination / F&H Tiers: 1 hour / 25%	GGSA1F/ GGSA1H	Unchanged
Unit 2: Chemistry	External written examination / F&H Tiers: 1 hour / 25%	GGSA2F/ GGSA2H	Unchanged
Unit 3: Physics	External written examination / F&H Tiers: 1 hour / 25%	GGSA3F/ GGSA3H	Unchanged
Unit 4: Practical Skills Booklet A	Foundation and Higher Tiers: 2 hours / 7.5%	GGSA4F/ GGSA4H	OMITTED
	Written Examination / 17.5%		
Unit 4: Practical Skills Booklet B	Foundation: 1 hour Higher: 1:15 Mins		

Spanish

Cash In: G9914

[Amendment 2022](#)

Unit 1: Listening	External written examination / 25% / F35Mins / H45Mins	GGSH1F/ GGSH1H	Unchanged
Unit 2: Speaking	Teacher-conducted / externally marked / 25%	GGSH2	OMITTED
Unit 3: Reading	External written examination / 25% / F50Mins / H1Hr	GGSH3F/ GGSH3H	Unchanged
Unit 4: Writing	External written examination / 25% / F1Hr / H1:15Mins	GGSH4F/ GGSH4H	Unchanged

Technology & Design

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Unit 1: Technology and Design Core Content	External written examination / 1 hour 30 mins / 25%	GGTY1	OMITTED
Unit 2: Optional Areas of Study	One of three optional written examinations / 1: 30 mins / 25%	GGTY2	Unchanged
A. Electronic and Microelectronic Control Systems			
B. Mechanical and Pneumatic Control Systems			
C. Product Design.			
Unit 3: Design and Manufacturing Project	Controlled assessment / 50%	GGTY3	Adapted