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Summary of changes to AS and A levels from 2015

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Taught from 2015

The following subjects will be first awarded in 2016 for AS and 2017 for A level.

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Subject	Non-exam assessment	Consultations and decisions	Final rules	Accredited specifications	Comments
Art and design	AS level: 100% A level: 100%	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements, conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR Pearson WJEC Eduqas	
Biology	AS level: none ¹ A level: none ²	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements, conditions & guidance Conditions and guidance for practical assessments	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR A OCR B Pearson A Pearson B WJEC Eduqas	At least 12 set practical activities for A level. Separately reported grade for practical skills at A level. School statement confirming they have taken reasonable steps to ensure practical work completed.
Business	AS level: none A level: none	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements, conditions & guidance	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR Pearson WJEC Eduqas	
Chemistry	AS level: none ¹ A level: none ²	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements, conditions & guidance Conditions and guidance for practical	Subject content (DfE) Conditions & guidance	AQA OCR A OCR B Pearson WJEC Eduqas	At least 12 set practical activities for A level. Separately reported grade for practical skills at A

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level.
School
statement
confirming
they have
taken
reasonable
steps to
ensure
practical work
completed.

Computer science	AS level:	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)	AQA
	none			OCR
	A level: 20%	arrangements, conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance	WJEC Eduqas

Economics	AS level:	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)	AQA
	none			OCR Pearson A
	A level: none	arrangements, conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance	Pearson B WJEC Eduqas

English language	AS level:	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)	AQA
	none ³			OCR Pearson
	A level: 20% ³	arrangements, conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance	WJEC Eduqas

English language and literature	AS level:	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)	AQA
	none ³			OCR Pearson
	A level: 20% ³	arrangements, conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance	WJEC Eduqas

English literature	AS level:	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)	AQA A
	none ³			AQA B OCR
	A level: 20% ³	arrangements, conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance	Pearson WJEC Eduqas

History	AS level:	Subject	Subject	AQA
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	none	content (DfE) Assessment	content (DfE)	OCR Pearson	
	A level: 20%	arrangements, conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance		
Physics	AS level: none ¹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)	AQA OCR A OCR B	At least 12 set practical activities for A level. Separately reported grade for practical skills at A level. School statement confirming they have taken reasonable steps to ensure practical work completed.
	A level: none ²	arrangements, conditions & guidance Conditions and guidance for practical assessments	Conditions & guidance	Pearson WJEC Eduqas	
Psychology	AS level: none	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)	AQA OCR Pearson	
	A level: none	arrangements, conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance	WJEC Eduqas	
Sociology	AS level: none	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)	AQA OCR WJEC	
	A level: none	arrangements, conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance	Eduqas	

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The following subjects will be first awarded in 2017 for AS and 2018 for A level.

Subject	Non-exam assessment	Consultations and decisions	Final rules	Accredited specifications	Comments
Classical Greek	AS level: none	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)		
	A level: none	arrangements Conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance		
Dance	AS level: 50% ⁴	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)		
	A level: 50% ⁵	arrangements Conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance		
Drama and theatre	AS level: 60% ⁶	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)		
	A level: 60% ⁷	arrangements Conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance		
French	AS level: 30% ⁸	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)		
	A level: 30% ⁸	arrangements Conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance		
Geography	AS level: none	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)		School statement confirming opportunities for fieldwork.
	A level: 20%	arrangements Conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance		
German	AS level:	Subject	Subject		

	30% ⁸	content (DfE) Assessment	content (DfE) Conditions & guidance
	A level: 30% ⁸	arrangements Conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance
Latin	AS level: none	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)
	A level: none	arrangements Conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance
Music	AS level: 60% ⁹	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)
	A level: 60% ⁹	arrangements Conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance
Physical education	AS level: 30% ¹⁰	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)
	A level: 30% ¹⁰	arrangements Conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance
Religious studies	AS level: none	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)
	A level: none	arrangements Conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance
Spanish	AS level: 30% ⁸	Subject content (DfE) Assessment	Subject content (DfE)
	A level: 30% ⁸	arrangements Conditions & guidance	Conditions & guidance

Taught from 2017

3.

We have not taken any decisions yet on the assessment arrangements in any of the subjects to be taught from 2017. We are currently consulting on arrangements for the majority of subjects.

The following subjects will be first awarded in 2018 for AS and 2019 for A level.

Subject	Proposed non-exam assessment	Consultations
Accounting	AS level: none A level: none	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements
Ancient History	AS level: none A level: none	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements
Archaeology	AS level: 20% A level: 20%	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements
Classical civilisation	AS level: none A level: none	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements
Design and technology	AS level: 50% ¹¹ A level: 50% ^{12, 11}	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements
Electronics	AS level: 20% ¹³ A level: 20% ¹³	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements
Environmental sciences	AS level: none ¹⁴ A level: none ¹⁴	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements
Film studies	AS level: 30% ¹⁵ A level: 30% ¹⁶	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements

History of art	AS level: none A level: none	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements
Law	AS level: none A level: none	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements
Media studies	AS level: 30% ¹⁵ A level: 30% ¹⁵	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements
Music technology	AS level: 40% ¹⁷ A level: 40% ¹⁸	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements
Philosophy	AS level: none A level: none	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements
Statistics	AS level: none ¹⁹ A level: none ²⁰	Subject content (DfE) Assessment arrangements

1. Was 20%. — ² ³
2. Was 10%. — ² ³
3. Was 40%. — ² ³ ⁴ ⁵ ⁶
4. Was 60%. —
5. Was 55%. —
6. Was 40% to 100%. —
7. Was 40% to 70%. —
8. Was up to 40%. — ² ³ ⁴ ⁵ ⁶
9. Was 60% to 70%. — ²
10. Was 35% to 70%. — ²
11. Was 50% to 60%. — ²

12. Current rules permit 40% to 60% non-exam assessment, but no current specification uses less than 50%. —
13. Was 26% to 30%. — [2](#)
14. Current rules permit up to 25% non-exam assessment, but no current specification takes up this option. — [2](#)
15. Was 40% to 50%. — [2](#) [3](#)
16. Was 45% to 50%. —
17. Was 70%. —
18. Was 65%. —
19. Was up to 8.33%. —
20. Was up to 4.17%. —

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