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GCSE, AS and A level subjects that are not being reformed

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GCSE subjects not being reformed

Subject	2015 entries	Reason for withdrawal
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Additional and further additional science	343,700	Subject or content too similar
Additional applied science	13,800	Subject or content too similar

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Applications of mathematics	13,000	Subject or content too similar
Applied business	13,100	Subject or content too similar
Applied information and communications technology	200	Subject or content too similar
Applied science	0	Subject or content too similar
Business and communication systems	13,100	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Business communications	2,000	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Business studies and economics	4,200	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Catering	31,000	Subject or content too similar
Design and technology: food technology	38,500	Subject or content too similar
Digital communication	400	Subject or content too similar
Environmental science	800	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Environmental and land-based science	2,000	Exam board proposal rejected by Ofqual: lack of confidence that content could be developed
Expressive arts	2,700	Subject or content too similar
General studies	9,900	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Health and social care	19,900	Exam board proposal rejected by Ofqual: lack of confidence that content could be developed
Home economics: child development	22,200	Exam board proposal rejected by Ofqual: lack of confidence that content could be developed
Home economics: food and nutrition	9,600	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Home economics: textiles	300	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content

Hospitality	4,000	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Human health and physiology	1,900	Subject or content too similar
Humanities	7,600	Subject or content too similar
Information and communication technology	67,300	Department for Education announced content development has ceased
Law	2,500	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Leisure and tourism	6,800	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Manufacturing	300	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Performing arts	6,200	Subject or content too similar

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AS and A level subjects not being reformed

Subject	2015 entries: A level 1	2015 entries: AS level 1	Reason for withdrawal
Anthropology	300	700	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Applied art and design	200	300	Subject or content too similar
Applied business	9,600	9,900	Subject or content too similar
Applied information and communication technology	6,300	9,500	Subject or content too similar
Applied science	4,600	4,800	Subject or content too similar
Citizenship studies	600	2,300	Exam boards did not propose to develop

			reformed content
Communication and culture	1,800	3,000	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Creative writing	1,000	3,400	Department for Education announced content development has ceased
Critical thinking	200	4,900	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Economics and business	2,100	3,500	Subject or content too similar
Engineering	300	600	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
General studies	18,100	33,000	Department for Education announced content development has ceased
Health and social care	8,300	12,900	Department for Education announced content development has ceased
Home economics: food, nutrition and health	400	500	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Human biology	1,400	3,200	Subject or content too similar
Humanities	less than 50	less than 50	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Information and communication technology	10,600	15,800	Department for Education announced content development has ceased
Leisure studies	400	600	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Media: communication and production	300	400	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Performance studies	600	700	Subject or content too similar
Performing arts	1,000	1,300	Subject or content too similar
Pure mathematics	200	500	Exam boards did not propose to develop

			reformed content
Quantitative methods, AS level		less than 50	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Science, AS level		100	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Science in society	100	300	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Travel and tourism	1,800	3,100	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
Use of mathematics, AS level		4,300	Exam boards did not propose to develop reformed content
World development	700	1,500	Exam board proposal rejected by Ofqual: lack of confidence that content could be developed

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