

# KS1, KS2, KS4 & KS5 ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

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# Assessment for KS1/2 Changes for 2021/22

All existing statutory assessments will return in 2021/22, following their usual timetable. This includes:

- the end of KS1 & KS2 assessments (including tests and teacher assessment)
- the year 4 multiplication tables check
- the phonics screening check

If any changes are needed due to unprecedented circumstances beyond STA's control, schools will be informed at the appropriate time, via the assessment update.



# Assessment for KS1/2 Changes for 2021/22

- Performance tables in 2022
  - DfE has announced that school-level data from the KS2 national curriculum assessments **will not be published in performance tables in 2022** . Results will be shared securely with primary schools, academy trusts, LAs and Ofsted for school improvement purposes
- Multiplication tables check
  - From the 2021/22 academic year, the MTC is statutory for all year 4 pupils registered at state-funded maintained schools, special schools or academies (including free schools) in England
- Phonics screening check for year 2 pupils
  - Will be administered during the second half of the 2021 autumn term



# Moderation 2022

Statutory moderation will return for academic year 2021-22

- LAs are required to externally moderate at least 25% of maintained schools.
- The purpose of this moderation is to validate TA judgements in English writing (Ks2) and English reading, English writing and mathematics (Ks1)
- LAs must ensure all schools they are responsible for are moderated at least once every 4 years (*excluding 2020 and 2021*), or more frequently if required.



# Changes to the assessment of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2022

[Decisions: proposed changes to the assessment of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[Exams in 2022 – everything you need to know - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://blog.gov.uk)

- A choice of topics or content on which students will be assessed in GCSE English literature, history, ancient history and geography.
- Providing advance information on the focus of exams to support students' revision in subjects where there is not a choice of topics.
- Giving students formulae sheets in GCSE maths and revised equation sheets in GCSE combined science and physics.
- Changing requirements for practical science work and practical art and design assessments to ensure fairness.
- On 11 November, we confirmed that in the unlikely event that exams cannot go ahead, students will receive teacher-assessed grades instead. These grades would be based on a range of work – similar to what happened this summer.



# What about grading?

[Exams in 2022 – everything you need to know - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

- For the past two years, summer exams haven't been able to take place and, instead, students have been awarded grades by their teachers. Due to the difference in assessment approach, we have seen higher outcomes.
- As we return to exams, we want to get back to the pre-pandemic standard, but in the interests of fairness, Ofqual (who take the decisions on grading) won't do so in one jump.
- Instead, 2022 will be a transition year to reflect that we are in a pandemic recovery period and students' education has been disrupted. In 2022 the aim, therefore, will be to move grading to a point close to midway between 2021 and 2019.
- Results are likely to be higher than in 2019, but not as high as in 2020.
- Ofqual aims to return to results that are in line with pre-pandemic years in 2023.



# What is being done for vocational and technical qualifications in 2022?

- It is the Government's firm intention that exams and assessments for VTQs and other general qualifications, including T Levels and Functional Skills qualifications, should go ahead in 2021/22 academic year.
- [Adaptations for Vocational and Technical Qualifications](#) have already been confirmed, following consultation. Colleges and schools are now being made aware of these changes by their awarding organisations.
- We have also published our contingency plans for VTQs, which seek to achieve parity and consistency where relevant with the arrangements proposed for GCSEs and AS/A levels.



# When will students get their results?

[Exams in 2022 – everything you need to know - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2022/07/28/exams-in-2022-everything-you-need-to-know/)

- A and AS level results day will be held on 18th August 2022.
- GCSE results day will be held on 25th August 2022.

