

Your guide to the changes for 2021

Introduction

Following an [Ofqual consultation in July 2020](#), we made changes to a number of our qualifications. These changes would have applied to the summer 2021 examinations, had they gone ahead. After [a further consultation](#), Ofqual confirmed that for Art and Design, the changes that were applied to the autumn 2020 series will now apply to the autumn 2021 series.

Please use [the specification on our website](#) alongside the information below, which explains how this qualification will differ in autumn 2021.

Overview of changes for GCSE (9–1) Art and Design (J170 - 176)

For autumn 2021 Ofqual have confirmed that students taking GCSE (9-1) Art & Design will be assessed only on the externally set task.

- We have removed Component 1 – Personal investigation (portfolio).
- Centres will need to submit work to be externally marked. [Guidance about how to do this](#) can be found on our website.

GCSE (9-1) Art and Design at a glance for autumn 21

Students must complete component 02 – Externally set task only to be awarded GCSE (9-1) in Art and Design in **autumn 2021**.

Content Overview	Assessment Overview
<p>There are seven specification titles available for study.</p> <p>The titles are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art, Craft and Design (J170) • Fine Art (J171) • Graphic Communication (J172) • Photography (J173) • Textile Design (J174) • Three-Dimensional Design (J175) • Critical and Contextual Studies (J176) <p>The GCSE (9–1) for autumn 2021 has one component.</p> <p>Component 02: Externally set task</p> <p>The early release paper will be issued on 12 August and will provide students with five themes, each with a range of written and visual starting points and stimuli.</p> <p>A response should be based on one of these options.</p>	<p>J170 – J176</p> <p>Component 02: Externally set task</p> <p>80 marks</p> <p>10 hours</p> <p><i>non-exam assessment (externally marked)</i></p> <p>100% of total GCSE</p>

What has changed?

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<p><i>Revised assessment objective weightings for autumn 2021</i></p>	<p>The relationship between the Assessment Objectives and the components in terms of percentages as shown in the following table:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Component</th> <th>AO1</th> <th>AO2</th> <th>AO3</th> <th>AO4</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Externally set task (02)</td> <td>25%</td> <td>25%</td> <td>25%</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td colspan="4">100%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Component	AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4	Externally set task (02)	25%	25%	25%	25%	Total	100%			
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What has changed – Specification		Detail		
<i>Revised entry codes for autumn 2021</i>		All students taking GCSE (9–1) Art & Design in Autumn 2021 must be entered for just one component per specialism of study in line with regulatory discount codes.		
Entry option		Components		
Entry code	Title	Code	Title	Assessment type
J170	Art, Craft and Design: Combined Titles	02	Art, Craft and Design: Externally set task	Externally marked
J171	Art and Design: Fine Art	02	Fine Art: Externally set task	Externally marked
J172	Art and Design: Graphic Communication	02	Graphic Communication: Externally set task	Externally marked
J173	Art and Design: Photography	02	Photography: Externally set task	Externally marked
J174	Art and Design: Textile Design	02	Textile Design: Externally set task	Externally marked
J175	Art and Design: Three-Dimensional Design	02	Three-Dimensional Design: Externally set task	Externally marked
J176	Art and Design: Critical and Contextual Studies	02	Critical and Contextual Studies: Externally set task	Externally marked

What has changed – Specification	Detail
<i>Revised moderation process for autumn 2021</i>	Assessment is entirely externally set task, externally marked.