

Appendix E

Changes in subject content at GCSE

- English literature : study at least one play by Shakespeare, Romantic poetry, a 19th century novel, poetry from the 1850s onwards, and fiction or drama since the First World War.
- English language, 20% rather than 12% of marks for good spelling, punctuation and grammar and a "greater range of writing skills" will be required.
- Digital texts are excluded for both English language and literature courses.
- Maths features advanced algebra, statistics, ratio, probability and geometry.
- Exams will contain fewer single-step questions and more non-routine problems.
- Geography : examined on the range of skills needed for fieldwork ; more emphasis on the human and physical geography of the UK.
- History: completion of an in-depth study based on one of three periods - Medieval (500-1500), Early Modern (1450-1750) or Modern (1700 to present day); no controlled assessment - coursework completed in the classroom ; exams based on extended essays and short answers.
- New science contain practical experiments and extended work on topics such as genetics and ecology in biology, nanoparticles and bioleaching in chemistry, and energy and space in physics.
- Ofqual consulting to 21st July on retention of less government favoured subjects such home economic and media studies.