

## GCSE from 2009 Arabic



How does your candidates' journey through the new GCSE 2009 Arabic differ to that taken through the old specification?

<b>Modular - Resits - Terminal requirement -</b>	greater flexibility in sitting exams when they are ready and opportunities to improve at a later stage only one resit opportunity for each unit is available
<b>Uniform Mark Scale -</b>	at least 40% of the entire GCSE must be completed at the end of the course - this means for GCSE Arabic full course (2AR01) at least two units must be taken in the final examination session. For the short course (3AR0S/3AR0W) only one unit must be taken when certification is requested.
<b>The GCSE standard -</b>	candidates' best marks are stored for aggregation at the end of the course, ensuring their best performance is awarded, however the scores for the units being used to satisfy the terminal rule will be used even if they are lower than those held in the bank all units are assessed at the GCSE standard in whichever exam series they are offered

Below are examples of how your candidates' experience of the new specification might differ to that of the old

Please note: these examples are not recommendations of how the course should be sat or the number of hours required to deliver the course but an example of some of the ways that the qualification might be approached. There may be alternative ways to approach the qualification.

Old GCSE Arabic (1606)

	weightings %	Mode	Max Sbj Mark				
Paper 1: Listening and Responding	25	Exam	100	Overall grade			
Paper 2: Speaking	25	Exam					
Paper 3: Reading and responding	25	Exam					
Paper 4: Writing	25	Exam					

New GCSE 2009: Arabic (2AR01) Example 1

Unit 1: Listening and understanding	23	Exam	70	Overall grade			
Unit 3: Reading and understanding	23	Exam	80				
Re-sit Unit 2: Speaking	27	Exam	70				
Unit 4: Writing	27	Exam	80				

New GCSE 2009: Arabic (3AR0S / 2AR01) Example 2

Unit 1: Listening and understanding	46/23	Exam	70	Overall grade			
Unit 2: Speaking	54/27	Exam	80				
Unit 3: Reading and understanding	23	Exam	70				
Unit 4: Writing	27	Exam	80				

In this example, the short course 3AR0S has been cashed in after year 1. Units 3 & 4 have been completed in Year 2 and the full course has been cashed in.

New GCSE 2009: Arabic (2AR01) Example 3

Unit 1: Listening and understanding	23	Exam	70	Overall grade			
Unit 2: Speaking	27	Exam	80				
Unit 3: Reading and understanding	23	Exam	70				
Unit 4: Writing	27	Exam	80				

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