

GCSE 2009 Design and Technology: Electronic Products



How might your candidates' journey through the new GCSE 2009 Design and Technology differ to that taken through the old specification?

Modular -	greater flexibility in sitting exams when your students are ready and opportunities to improve at a later stage
Resits -	only one resit opportunity for each unit is available
Terminal requirement -	at least 40% of the entire GCSE must be completed at the end of the course - this means for GCSE Design and Technology: Electronic Products full course (2EP01) at least two units must be taken in the final examination session.
Uniform Mark Scale	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
The GCSE standard -	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: this example is not a recommendation of how the course should be sat or the number of hours required to deliver the course but an example of one of the ways that the qualification might be approached. There may be alternative ways to approach the qualification.

Old GCSE (1974)

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		JUNE	weightings %	Mode	Max Sbj Mark	
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS						
Full course: Paper 2F or 2H			40	Exam	200	Overall grade
Paper 01 Coursework Project			60	Cwrk		

New GCSE 2009

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Unit availability							
JUNE		JUNE		weightings %	Mode	Max UMS Mark	
5EP01; 5EP02		5EP01; 5EP02					
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS							
Knowledge and Understanding of Electronic Products 5EP02			RESIT*	40	Exam	80	Overall grade
		Creative Design and Make 5EP01		60	Controlled	120	

*In this example these units satisfy the terminal assessment requirement. In unit 1 the best banked mark will count towards the final grade

If you intend to use a resit to make up the 40% terminal assessment requirement, then the resit mark will count, even if it is lower than the original mark.

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