GCSE 2009 Russian



How does your candidates' journey through the new GCSE 2009 Russian 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 -	
Uniform Mark Scale -	at least 40% of the entire GCSE must be completed at the end of the course - this means for GCSE Russian full course (2RU01) at least two units must be taken in the final examination session. For the short course (3ROUS) only one unit must be taken when certification is requested. 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 may be approached. There may be alternative ways to approach the qualification.

Old GCSE Russian (1241)

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

New GCSE 2009: Russian (2RU01) Example 1

Unit availabi	lity				
JUNE	jUNE				
5RU01; 5RU02; 5RU03: 5RU04	5RU01; 5RU02; 5RU03: 5RU04				
		Weightings %	Mode	Max UMS mark	
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS		-			
Unit 1: Listening and understanding	Re-sit	23	Exam	70	
	Unit 2: Speaking	27	Exam	80	Overall
Unit 3: Reading and understanding		23	Exam	70	grade
	Unit 4: Writing	27	Exam	80	-

New GCSE 2009: Russian (3RU0S / 2RU01) Example 2		_			
Unit availabili	ity				
JUNE	JUNE				
5RU01; 5RU02; 5RU03: 5RU04	5RU01; 5RU02; 5RU03: 5RU04				
ACQUIRING GCSE SKIL	LS	Weightings % Short/Full Course	Mode	Max UMS mark	
Unit 1: Listening and understanding		46/23	Exam	70	
Unit 2: Speaking		54/27	Exam	80	Overall
	Unit 3: Reading and understanding	23	Exam	70	grade
	Unit 4: Writing	27	Exam	80	

This candidate has cashed in the short course 3RUOS after year 1. They have then gone on to complete Units 3 & 4 in Year 2 and cash in the full course.

New GCSE 2009: Russian (2RU01) Example 3

Unit availabi	lity				
JUNE	JUNE				
5RU01; 5RU02; 5RU03: 5RU04	5RU01; 5RU02; 5RU03: 5RU04				
ACQUIRING GCSE SK	ILLS	Weightings %	Mode	Max UMS mark	
Unit 1: Listening and understanding Unit 2: Speaking		23 27	Exam Exam	70 80	Overall
Unit 3: Reading and understanding Unit 4: Writing		23 27	Exam Exam	70 80	grade

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