



SUMMER EXAMS 2022

**ADVANCE INFORMATION
STUDENT GUIDE**

GCSE & AS/A levels



To help you focus your revision for this summer's exams we have published Advance Information for some qualifications on our website.

This is just one part of a package of changes (we call them 'adaptations') to exams this summer - [you can find out more here!](#)

If you're unsure about anything, simply ask your teacher and they'll tell you everything you need to know!



WHAT IS ADVANCE INFORMATION?

Advance Information gives you the focus of some of the questions in the exam; for example, it may outline some of the content, texts, themes, and skills that will be assessed in this summer's exams.

It will vary from subject to subject, but it is there to aid your revision.



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCE INFORMATION?

The purpose of Advance Information is to support your revision and to help you prepare for your exams.



WHY IS ADVANCE INFORMATION ONLY AVAILABLE FOR SOME SUBJECTS?

Advance Information is just one part of the package of changes (we call them 'adaptations') to exams in 2022.



[You can find out more about 'Adaptations' made to your subjects in our Learner Guides](#)

In most subjects we have been able to reduce the requirements of Non-Exam Assessment (NEA) and/or the subject content for exams. Where the changes haven't been as significant, we have also provided Advance Information.



WHERE CAN I FIND THE ADVANCE INFORMATION?



You can find the full list of subjects on our webpage here.
The webpage will link you to the relevant Advance Information.



WHY IS ADVANCE INFORMATION MAINLY FOR HIGHER TARIFF QUESTIONS?

Tariff refers to the number of marks given for a question.

High tariff questions tend to be used for extended type answers, such as essays. Low tariff questions are often used for multiple choice or 'definition' questions.

Advance Information is being provided to help you prioritise your revision, but exams still need to avoid predictability or the possibility of being able to identify questions in advance.

By focusing mainly on the higher tariff questions the advance information should help you feel confident that you have revised the right topics for the questions worth more marks, and avoids excessive revision on areas that are worth few marks.



CAN I BRING THE ADVANCE INFORMATION INTO THE EXAM?

The purpose of advance information is to help you prioritise your revision. It is not intended as an exam aid. If it were to be used in the exam itself, it could provide you with answers or prompts to questions which in turn could lead to unfair results and damage progression.



SHOULD I JUST FOCUS ON WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE ADVANCE INFORMATION?

In most cases, the advance information will not cover everything that is to be assessed, and some questions in the exams may need knowledge beyond what is included in the advance information.

In many cases the advance information will provide topics of content that will help you prioritise your revision - but remember, content that is not listed could still be assessed.

To ensure your best possible performance in the exams, you should revise the whole of the course content.



HOW SHOULD ADVANCE INFORMATION INFORM HOW I USE PAST PAPERS FOR REVISION?

A good, broad understanding of all the content of the specification is always the best preparation for success in an exam. It is important to bear in mind that all of your learning in a key topic or area might prove useful.

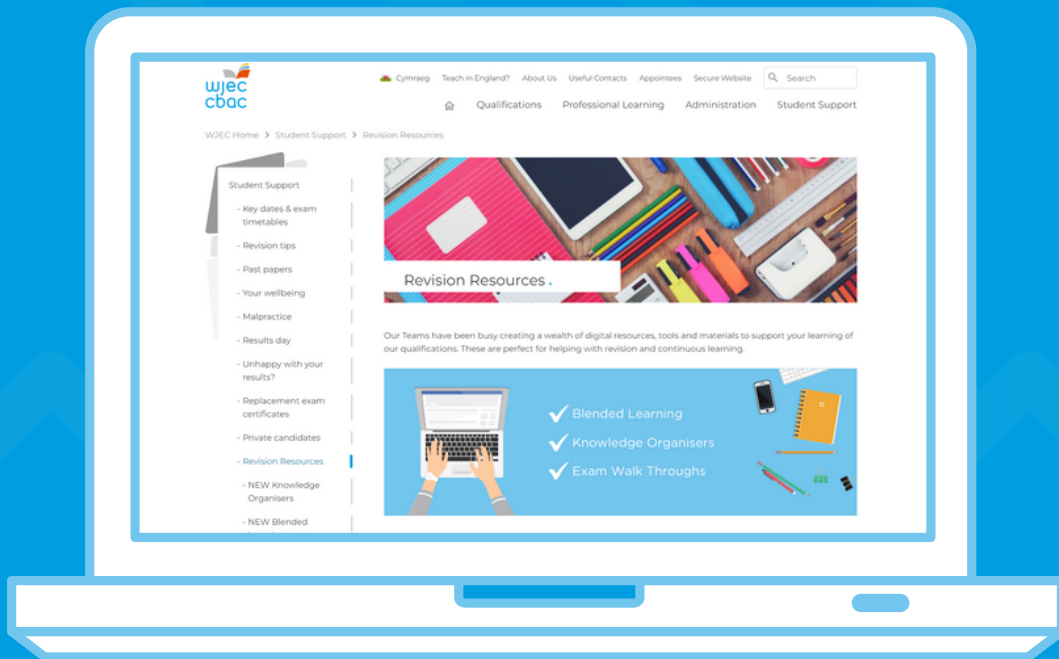
Advance information is intended to help you focus and prioritise your revision. For example, if the advance information for a particular subject says that the exam will be focused on a reduced range of specification content, you may want to prioritise that content when using past paper questions as part of your revision.

However, to support your progression and best possible performance in your exams, please make sure your revision plans take account of everything you have been taught.

Advance information will not necessarily cover all aspects of specification content that will be assessed in the 2022 examinations, so to make the best use of past papers you will want to practise a broad range of previous questions.

GET EXAM READY

REVISION TIPS & RESOURCES!



You can access a range of FREE resources to help give your revision a boost – including Knowledge Organisers, Blended Learning modules and Exam Walk Throughs!

You'll also find revision tips, exam guidance and more on [our Student Support webpages](#) and our **NEW Instagram for learners!**