

GCSE English Language Specification Addendum

Exceptional Assessment Adaptations (for 2020–2021)

This addendum should be used in conjunction with the current specification

The table below shows the units available for January 2021 and Summer 2021 cash in and details where applicable:

- the unit eligible for omission; and
- any temporary adaptations that have been made due to public health restrictions.

Please note: This applies only to candidates who started their GCSE course in September 2019 and are cashing-in at qualification level in January or Summer 2021

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2020–2021
Unit 1: Writing for Purpose and Audience and Reading to Access Non-fiction and Media Texts	External written examination Untiered 1 hour 45 mins Students complete five tasks.	30%	No changes
Unit 2: Speaking and Listening	Controlled assessment Untiered Teachers mark the tasks, and we moderate the results.	20%	This unit will be omitted. In place of a formal assessment centres will be required to provide an endorsement for the speaking and listening element of this qualification. Attainment in all three task types should contribute to this endorsement.

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2020–2021
Unit 3: Studying Spoken and Written Language	Controlled assessment Untiered Teachers mark the tasks, and we moderate the results.	20%	No changes
Unit 4: Personal or Creative Writing and Reading Literary and Non-fiction Texts	External written examination Untiered 1 hour 45 mins Students complete four tasks.	30%	No changes

Candidates must ensure all units have been completed to cash-in at qualification level in January or Summer 2021.

For candidates commencing their GCSE course in September 2020, it is recommended that, as far as possible, the Controlled Assessment units are prioritised in case of any further disruption to the academic year