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AS Level Biology A (H020); AS Level Biology B (H022) AS Level Chemistry A (H032); AS Level Chemistry B (H033) AS Level Physics A (H156); AS Level Physics B (H157)

Your guide to the changes for 2021

Following an Ofgual consultation, we have made changes to a number of our qualifications.

The changes are designed to reduce the pressure on teachers and students in the 2020/21 academic year, and to safeguard against ongoing public health concerns.

Please <u>use the specification on our website</u>, alongside this document which shows how our qualifications will differ in summer 2021.

Overview of changes for AS Level Science

Ofqual have confirmed that students taking AS Levels in Biology, Chemistry or Physics in summer 2021 can observe demonstrations and/or simulations of practical activities to cover the required apparatus and techniques if they are unable to carry out practical work.

- All assessments remain the same.
- 15% of the marks on the assessment will still test the practical skills as detailed in Module 1 of the specification.

It's important to note that these changes apply specifically to students on an AS Level only pathway. Year 12 students on the first year of the A Level pathway should still be completing practical work towards the requirements for the Practical Endorsement.

Support

OCR's team of expert Subject Advisors has created videos, webinars, and other resources to guide you through these changes and help you prepare your students for their exams in summer 2021.

These resources can be found here.

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