

## GCSE 2009 Chinese



How does your candidates' journey through the new GCSE 2009 Chinese differ to that taken through the old specification?

<b>Modular - Resits - Terminal requirement -</b>	greater flexibility in sitting exams when they are ready and opportunities to improve at a later stage only one resit opportunity for each unit is available
<b>Uniform Mark Scale -</b>	at least 40% of the entire GCSE must be completed at the end of the course - this means for GCSE Chinese (2CN01) at least two units must be taken in the final examination session. For the short course (3CN0S/3CN0W) only one unit must be taken when certification is requested.
<b>The GCSE standard -</b>	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 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: these examples are not recommendations of how the course should be sat or the number of hours required to deliver the course but an example of some of the ways that the qualification might be approached. There may be alternative ways to approach the qualification.

**Old GCSE Chinese (1666)**

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

**New GCSE 2009: (Chinese 2CN01) Example 1**

Unit availability					
JUNE →	JUNE →				
5CN01; 5CN02; 5CN03; 5CN04	5CN01; 5CN02; 5CN03; 5CN04				
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS →		Weightings %	Mode	Max UMS mark	
Unit 1: Listening and understanding	Re-sit	20	Exam	60	Overall grade
Unit 2: Speaking		30	Controlled	90	
Unit 3: Reading and understanding		20	Exam	60	
Unit 4: Writing		30	Controlled	90	

**New GCSE 2009: Chinese (3CN0S / 2CN01) Example 2**

Unit availability					
JUNE →	JUNE →				
5CN01; 5CN02; 5CN03; 5CN04	5CN01; 5CN02; 5CN03; 5CN04				
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS →		Weightings %	Mode	Max UMS mark	
Unit 1: Listening and understanding		60 / 20	Exam	60	Overall grade
Unit 2: Speaking		40 / 30	Controlled	90	
Unit 3: Reading and understanding		20	Exam	60	
Unit 4: Writing		30	Controlled	90	

This candidate has cashed in the short course 3CN0S 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: Chinese (2CN01) Example 3**

Unit availability					
JUNE →	JUNE →				
5CN01; 5CN02; 5CN03; 5CN04	5CN01; 5CN02; 5CN03; 5CN04				
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS →		Weightings %	Mode	Max UMS mark	
Unit 1: Listening and understanding		20	Exam	60	Overall grade
Unit 2: Speaking		30	Controlled	90	
Unit 3: Reading and understanding		20	Exam	60	
Unit 4: Writing		30	Controlled	90	

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