

GCSE 2009 Design and Technology: Resistant Materials



How might your candidates' journey through the new GCSE 2009 Design and Technology differ to that taken through the old specification?

Modular - Resits -	greater flexibility in sitting exams when your students are ready and opportunities to improve at a later stage
Terminal requirement -	only one resit opportunity for each unit is available
Calculating results -	course (2RM01) at least two units must be taken in the final examination session. For the short course (3AR01) only one unit must be taken when certification is requested.
The GCSE standard -	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: 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 a student may approach

Old GCSE 1973:

Design and Technology: Resistant Materials

		JUNE	weightings %	Mode	Max Sbj Mark	
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS						
Full course: Paper 2F or 2H			40	Exam	200	Overall grade
Paper 01 Coursework Project			60	Cwrk		

New GCSE 2009

Design and Technology: Resistant Materials 2RM01

Unit availability		JUNE		JUNE					
		5RM01; 5RM02		5RM01; 5RM02		weightings %	Mode	Max UMS Mark	
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS									
Knowledge and Understanding of Resistant Materials Technology 5RM02		RESIT*		40	Exam	80	Overall grade		
Creative Design and Make 5RM01		60	Controlled	120					

*In this example these units satisfy the terminal assessment requirement. In unit 2 the best banked mark will count towards the final grade.

If you intend to use a resit to make up the 40% terminal assessment requirement, then the resit mark will count, even if it is lower than the original mark.

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