

English update

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Sample examinations

The Curriculum Council has provided schools with copies of draft sample examination papers for English Stage 2 and Stage 3. The Stage 2 examination will assess units 2A/2B and 2C/2D. The Stage 3 examination will assess units 3A/3B.

These draft sample examination papers will be used by the 2009 English examination panel as a model in its development of the final sample examination papers for Stage 2 and Stage 3. The panel will follow the general structure of these draft sample examinations but will create a set of new questions and stimulus materials.

English assessment table changes for Stage 1 units

'Examination' has been added as an assessment type for Stage 1 English units. The weighting range for school examinations in those units will be 0–20 per cent. This range offers schools the option of setting examinations for those units. The weightings for other assessment types remain unchanged.

This change was introduced to make it explicit that if schools wished to have an examination as part of their school-based assessment for units 1A, 1B, 1C and/or 1D, they may do so.

Nothing changes for schools which do not want to have an examination.

A revised 2009 version of the syllabus showing this minor variation will be available on the Council website at the start of 2009.