

PEARSON BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE SUBJECT ASSESSMENT PLAN 2020/21

This assessment plan is only relevant to those students who have chosen to re-sit unit 1 and so, will be awarded a centre determined grade. Other students on the course will be awarded a grade by Pearson.

Introduction

The specification for Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Science in a “normal” year comprises of 4 units which together count towards BTEC qualification.

Unit 1 Principles and application of science – this is comprised of three written examinations of 40 minutes each

Unit 2 Practical scientific procedures and techniques – this is a coursework task

Unit 3 – Science investigation skills – this is a written coursework task

Unit 8 – Physiology of Human body systems this is a written coursework task

Pearson announced no amendments to the course this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In year 12 the students took their unit 1 exams in January and were awarded centre assessed grades for units 2 and 3 due to the pandemic. In year 13, some students came into school for their January unit 1 resit exam and then have been working on the coursework for unit 8. This assessment plan is only relevant to those students who have chosen to re-sit unit 1 and so, will be awarded a centre determined grade.

Sources of evidence for Centre Determined Grades

Unit 1 Principles and application of science – this is comprised of three written examinations of 40 minutes each

The re-sit will be organised in school with Pearson past paper materials. It will be made up of the 3 papers, that are 40 minutes each. These will take place in the **week beginning 12th April**. The result of this will be reported as **AP5**. This will be a different AP5 to other students in the class, who are not sitting the re-sit exam.

Unit 2 Practical scientific procedures and techniques – this is a coursework task. This was already reported as a centre assessed grade in year 12.

Unit 3 – Science investigation skills – this is a written coursework task. This was already reported as a centre assessed grade in year 12.

Unit 8 – Physiology of Human body systems this is a written coursework task. This coursework is ongoing and will be marked in school to contribute towards the overall qualification.

Class work = A range of knowledge and skills are demonstrated by students in BTEC science lessons through their performance in low stakes summative assessment which includes recall tests, quizzes, verbal answers to question, small tasks carried out that are not necessarily graded or levelled, longer independent

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learning tasks and other low stakes tests such as use of online resources. Students' practical understanding has also been developed with use of demonstrations, data analysis and assessed by teachers this year.