

# Instructions for delivery of Presentation



- This presentation aims to support you in communicating information to students and parents on Advance Information, which has been made available for the vast majority of CCEA timetabled examinations in the Summer 2023 examination series.
- It is not mandatory that you use this presentation, and you may adapt it to meet your students' needs. We would however recommend key messages contained within are communicated in some way.

# Advance Information:

## A Presentation for Students and Parents

February 2023

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# 2022/23 Assessment Arrangements



- In June 2022 CCEA agreed with the Department of Education the assessment arrangements that would be in place for CCEA qualifications in the 2022/23 academic year
- Part of these arrangements was the provision of Advance Information to students to support them in their preparation for the Summer 2023 exams
- Advance Information has been provided for 271 examination units and components across 66 CCEA GCSE and GCE qualifications
- All CCEA's Advance Information can be found at <https://ccea.org.uk/summer-2023/advance-information-summer-2023>



# What is Advance Information?



- Advance Information sets out for students some of the aspects of each CCEA qualification that will be assessed in the Summer 2023 exam papers.
- Its purpose is to build students' confidence and support them in their preparation and revision in the period leading up to the Summer 2023 exams.
- It will look different across subjects. For example, Advance Information in History will not look the same as in Science.
- The information will detail the broad focus of particular aspects of the exam; for example, the content, contexts, texts, topics, themes and skills that will be assessed.



# What is Advance Information?



- **Advance Information will not include everything that is being assessed in each exam** e.g. synoptic questions, each topic assessed in multiple choice questions.
- Students should therefore revise the full content of each qualification to ensure they are fully prepared for their exams **and** to prepare them for the work or study they plan to progress to next.



# What does Advance Information look like?

**Advance Information comes in booklet form:**

Qualification title



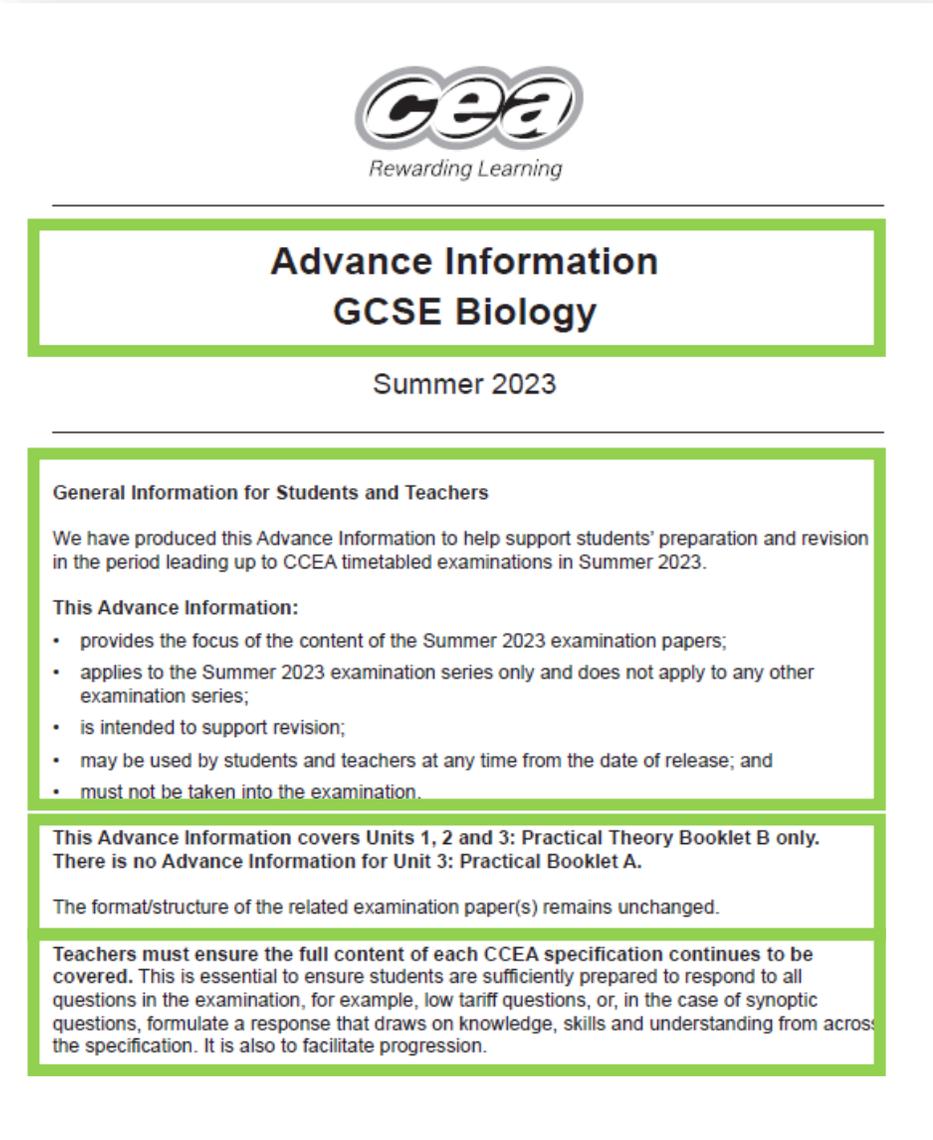
General Information for Students and Teachers



The unit(s) Advance Information has been provided for



Text emphasising the need for full coverage of the qualification



The image shows a sample of an Advance Information booklet. At the top is the CCEA logo with the tagline 'Rewarding Learning'. Below the logo, the title 'Advance Information GCSE Biology' is centered in a green-bordered box, with 'Summer 2023' underneath. A horizontal line separates the title from the main content. The main content is divided into three sections, each in a green-bordered box. The first section is titled 'General Information for Students and Teachers' and contains introductory text and a bulleted list of points about the Advance Information. The second section states that the Advance Information covers Units 1, 2, and 3: Practical Theory Booklet B only, and that there is no Advance Information for Unit 3: Practical Booklet A. It also notes that the format/structure of the related examination paper(s) remains unchanged. The third section emphasizes that teachers must ensure the full content of each CCEA specification continues to be covered, providing details on how to approach questions in the examination.

  
Rewarding Learning

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**Advance Information**  
**GCSE Biology**

Summer 2023

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**General Information for Students and Teachers**

We have produced this Advance Information to help support students' preparation and revision in the period leading up to CCEA timetabled examinations in Summer 2023.

**This Advance Information:**

- provides the focus of the content of the Summer 2023 examination papers;
- applies to the Summer 2023 examination series only and does not apply to any other examination series;
- is intended to support revision;
- may be used by students and teachers at any time from the date of release; and
- must not be taken into the examination.

**This Advance Information covers Units 1, 2 and 3: Practical Theory Booklet B only. There is no Advance Information for Unit 3: Practical Booklet A.**

The format/structure of the related examination paper(s) remains unchanged.

**Teachers must ensure the full content of each CCEA specification continues to be covered.** This is essential to ensure students are sufficiently prepared to respond to all questions in the examination, for example, low tariff questions, or, in the case of synoptic questions, formulate a response that draws on knowledge, skills and understanding from across the specification. It is also to facilitate progression.

# What does Advance Information look like?

Examination details, such as the unit and date of the exam



Subject-specific information



Detail on the Advance Information for the unit or component



A statement indicating where Advance Information **for that unit** ends



**Advance Information**

Unit/Component/Option	Unit 1: Foundation (GBL11)
Date of Examination	Tuesday 16 May, Morning

- Advance Information is shown in specification order.
- Advance Information identifies the major areas of content for revision.
- Each examination paper may include some, or all, of the areas of content listed in the Advance Information.
- Questions that assess mathematical skills may not be covered in the Advance Information.
- Assessment of skills (practical, mathematical and working scientifically) will occur throughout the paper. Each unit will have a separate list which identifies some of the practical content for revision. Other practical content may be assessed.
- Students should be prepared to answer low tariff questions and/or synoptic questions that require them to formulate a response, drawing on knowledge, skills and understanding from across the specification, which may not be included in the Advance Information.
- Students may also be required to apply their knowledge in unfamiliar contexts.

Content	Major areas of content for revision
Cells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plant cells</li></ul>
Photosynthesis and plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photosynthesis equations</li></ul>
Enzymes and digestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The actions of enzymes</li></ul>
The respiratory system, breathing and respiration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Respiratory system</li><li>• Respiratory surfaces</li></ul>
Nervous system and hormones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The eye</li><li>• Hormones</li><li>• Excretory system</li><li>• Osmoregulation</li></ul>
Ecological relationships and energy flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Competition</li><li>• Food chains and food webs</li><li>• Energy flow</li><li>• Pyramids of numbers and biomass</li><li>• Human activity and biodiversity</li></ul>

**Prescribed Practicals**  
Prescribed practicals are not a major area of content for revision on this unit.

**END OF ADVANCE INFORMATION**

# How can Advance Information be used?



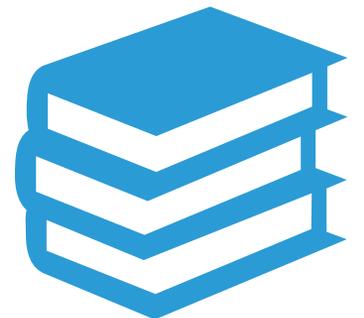
- Students can use Advance Information once it is released on 27 February 2023.
- It can be used by all students entered for CCEA exams in Summer 2023.
- Advance Information will not be at a level that allows questions to be predicted or answers to be prepared.
- It can be used to support revision, but students should ensure they take account of everything they have been taught so they can respond to all questions in the exam, for example in the case of synoptic questions, which draw on knowledge and skills from across the specification.
- It can be used by teachers to support students' revision and referred to by students in their revision and final exam preparation.
- It **cannot** be brought into the examinations.

# In which subjects is Advance Information not available?



Advance Information will not be provided in the following subjects, either because of policy decisions or because they are assessed through coursework, controlled assessment or exams with a focus on skills:

- GCSE, AS and A Level Art and Design
- AS and A Level Performing Arts
- GCSE Contemporary Crafts
- Unit 2 of GCSE Engineering and Manufacturing
- GCSE Mathematics – instead, students will be provided with a **maths exam aid** with formulae and equations for the Summer 2023 exams, similar to that which was provided in 2021/22.
- Practical Booklet A in AS and A Level Chemistry and Physics



# Accessibility



- Advance Information has been designed to be as accessible as possible. However, schools and colleges are allowed to modify the **format** of the materials as appropriate to ensure the information is accessible to all, including students with particular needs.
- CCEA will continue to provide support to teachers with advice and guidance on how to modify these documents.

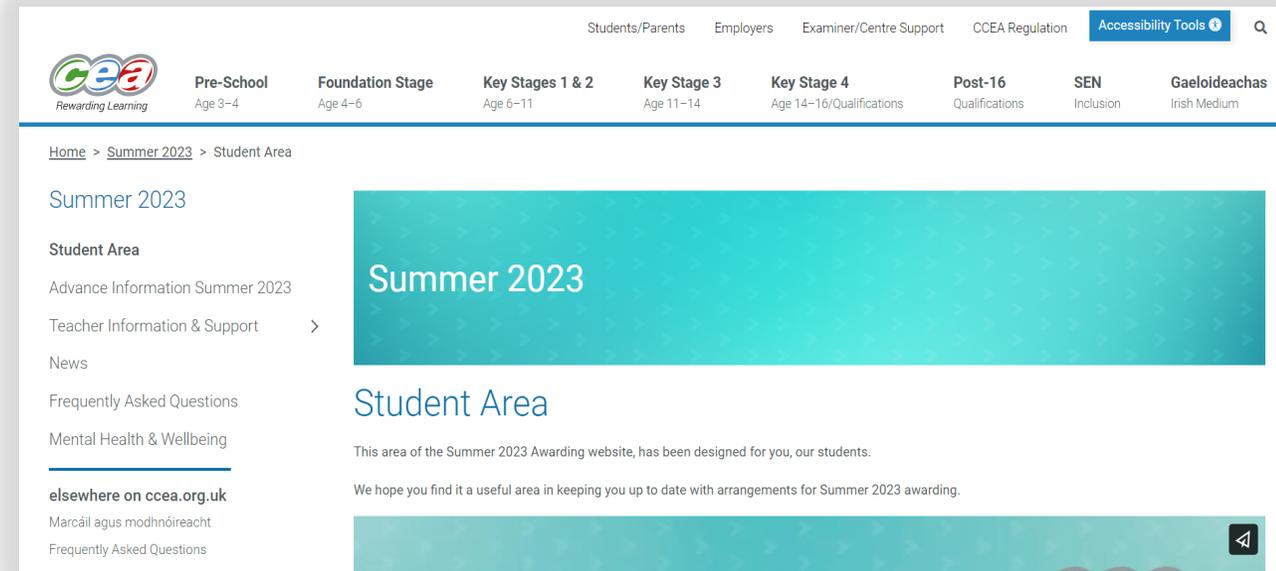


# Support



CCEA's Summer 2023 Web Area.  
Includes:

- Dedicated **Students' area** with helpful resources and guidance materials;
- An **Advance Information Section**;
- Regularly updated **Frequently Asked Questions**; and
- A **Mental Health and Well-being area**.



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