

Introduction

The specification for Physics in a “normal” year comprises of 3 units which together count towards the overall award of the Physics GCSE. 1 would have been assessed in year 10 and 2 assessed in year 11.

Unit 1: Electricity, Energy and Waves. This is usually a written examination, completed in year 10. 1hr 45 minutes.

Unit 2: Forces, Space and Radioactivity. This is usually a written examination, completed in year 11. 1hr 45 minutes.

Unit 3: Practical Assessment. This is usually completed in the January of year 11.

When the Welsh Government announced there will be no examinations for June 2020, as such the year 10 modules were cancelled, and assessment was solely focussed on year 11.

In June 2020 WJEC announced amendments to the course due to the Covid-19 pandemic. They removed the practical assessment (Unit 3) and the requirement for students to complete the specified practicals themselves. This has been reflected in the content that has been taught to year 11 and is reflected in the assessment points shown below.

Sources of evidence for Centre Determined Grades in Physics

Assessment point 1 = Past paper exam questions completed in lesson under **high control** on Newton’s laws and distance time and speed time graphs. Completed the **week beginning the 26th October**.

Assessment point 2 = Past paper question on tectonic processes completed in lesson under **high control** using WJEC past papers and mark schemes in the **week beginning the 14th of December**.

Assessment point 3 = A word document with past paper questions on the topics of motion. This was timed and monitored by the teacher under low control at home in the **week beginning the 1st February**.

Assessment point 4 = Past paper questions on the topics of further motion and the two space topics completed in class under **high control** conditions in the **week beginning the 22nd of March**.

Assessment point 5 = Past paper assessment materials provided by WJEC to assess the content on motion (topics 1-4) This assessment was completed over 1 lesson under **high control on 20th April**

Assessment point 6 = Past paper assessment materials provided by WJEC to assess the content on space and radioactivity (topics 5-8) This assessment was completed over 1 lesson under **high control on 24th May**

Class work = A range of knowledge and skills are demonstrated by students in lessons Physics 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 learning tasks and other low stakes tests such as use of online resources. Students’ ability to analyse practical results will have also been monitored by the class teacher this year.