

GETTING STARTED

Whether you already teach our existing GCE Home Economics specification, teach a similar specification with another awarding body, or are considering offering this for the first time, getting started with our revised specification really couldn't be easier:



Visit www.ccea.org.uk/specifications to view the full revised specification for your subject.



Attend the next available support event. Go online for our up-to-date events schedule.

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Interpretation of exemplar papers & other materials

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Requesting further support
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For queries in relation to:

Entries
Results

For queries in relation to:

Requesting materials



WHATEVER YOUR QUERY, WE GUARANTEE YOU A PROMPT, FRIENDLY AND EFFICIENT SERVICE WHEN YOU CONTACT US

Check out our online leaflet *Customer Charter – Putting You First* at www.ccea.org.uk to view our service targets and our commitment to you.

"I'm really pleased to introduce this revised specification. We have designed it to meet the needs of learners in Northern Ireland whilst also providing a qualification that has international currency. We're proud to be your local awarding body. It is my priority to ensure that our dedicated subject team listens, responds and provides you with a first-class service."

Anne Marie Duffy – Examinations Manager, CCEA

"I'm delighted to provide robust operational systems that support all aspects of examination administration. Whether you are making entries, have a query about examinations or require assistance in relation to results, I can assure you that our specialised systems and customer-focused teams will provide you with the top-class level of service you expect."

Martin Quinn – Business Manager, Examination and Assessment Administration, CCEA

WHAT TEACHERS SAY ABOUT OUR EXAMINATIONS SERVICE....

98.9% of teachers are satisfied with the support and helpfulness of our staff.

95.5% of teachers are satisfied with the reliability and appropriateness of the materials we dispatch.

98.9% of teachers are satisfied with our administration of examinations.

* Source: CCEA's 2006 Post-Primary Customer Satisfaction Research



REVISED GCE AS & A2 SPECIFICATION SNAPSHOT FOR HOME ECONOMICS

For first teaching from September 2008

For first award of AS Level in Summer 2009

For first award of A Level in Summer 2010



SUMMARY

- AS 1: **Nutrition for Optimal Health** – External exam, 1 hr 30 mins, 50% of AS, 25% of A Level, available January and Summer
- AS 2: **Priority Health Issues** – External exam, 1 hr 30 mins, 50% of AS, 25% of A Level, available January and Summer
- A2 1: **Consumer Issues** – External exam, 2 hrs, 25% of A Level, available Summer
- A2 2: **Research-based Assignment** – Internal assessment (4,000 words), 25% of A Level, available January and Summer

KEY FEATURES

- The AS course enables students to broaden their post-16 education and provides a basis for progression to the full GCE.
- The A Level course provides a good foundation for higher education courses in related subjects and for a range of interesting careers.
- The course is organised into units of manageable content with associated assessment units.
- Through a range of practical and theoretical contexts, the course enables students to apply the knowledge and understanding gained.

BENEFITS TO LEARNERS

We have designed this specification to help learners develop:

- Knowledge, understanding and skills to meet human needs in a broad range of activities;
- An awareness of resource management to meet human needs in a diverse and ever changing society;
- An awareness of rapid technological changes and the growth of scientific knowledge and understanding;
- The ability to critically evaluate evidence to justify informed decisions;
- Innovative, creative, and original ideas through active investigations; and
- The use of their wider knowledge and understanding.

CURRENT		NEW		WHAT HAS CHANGED AND WHY?	
MODULE	TITLE	UNIT	TITLE	WHAT HAS CHANGED?	WHY HAS IT CHANGED?
AS 1	Principles of Nutrition	AS 1	Nutrition for Optimal Health	We've retained most of the content from the current AS 1 and have included some content from the current AS 2.	To align with the subject criteria
AS 2	Diet and Health	AS 2	Priority Health Issues	The content of this unit now reflects current health issues. It also now includes elements of the current AS 3 unit.	To align with the subject criteria
AS 3	Lifestyle and Health			We have deleted this unit.	To fulfil the subject criteria requiring that three AS units be reduced to two
A2 1	Consumer Behaviour and Protection	A2 1	Consumer Issues	We've removed some financial content and added current consumer issues within this area. Content from the current A2 3 is now included in this unit.	To align with the subject criteria
A2 2	Coursework Assignment	A2 2	Research-based Assignment	There are no major changes in this unit.	To align with the subject criteria
A2 3	Food Preservation, Production and Safety			We have deleted this unit.	To fulfil the subject criteria requiring that three A2 units be reduced to two

COUNT ON US FOR SUPPORT...

LOCAL SUPPORT > IN PERSON

- We are your **local awarding body**, so we can provide personalised support and visits to you and your centre upon request. Contact the Specification Support Officer named on the back cover if you would like to arrange for us to visit you, your department or your students.
- If you have a query or require advice/guidance, please contact the relevant person listed on the back cover.



CONTACT US IF YOU DON'T FIND WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR

LOCAL SUPPORT > AT TEACHER-FOCUSED EVENTS

We provide a comprehensive programme of events to support this specification which includes:

- FREE launch events** to introduce you to the revised specification; and
- FREE seminars** to support its teaching and assessment and to assist you with subject-specific issues.

We will mail invitations to Heads of Department at least three weeks in advance of each event. Alternatively, check out our full list of support events online at www.ccea.org.uk/spec-changes

SUPPORT > ONLINE

Most of the support we provide will be available on your subject microsite. The site will contain:

- The latest version of the GCE Home Economics specification;
- Schemes of Work;
- Chief Examiner's Reports with top tips for improving examination performance;
- Exemplar Papers and Mark Schemes; and
- Exemplification of Standards (available after the first examination series).

Visit your subject microsite by logging on to www.ccea.org.uk and selecting it from the dropdown menu.

SUPPORT > IN PRINT

Some of the materials listed above are also available in print. To find out which materials and publications are currently available for your subject:

- Contact Bernard Trainor in our Distribution Team on (028) 9026 1200 ext 2168; or
- Go to www.ccea.org.uk to view our *Examination and Assessment Sales Catalogue*.

BACKGROUND TO THE REVISION PROCESS

During the Revision of Specifications process, we consulted our stakeholders through:

- Questionnaires
- Focus Group meetings
- Subject Advisory Team meetings.

We have drawn up this revised specification with the help of:

- Teachers and Heads of Departments in post-primary schools;
- Lecturers in Institutes of Further and Higher Education;
- Representatives from Employer Committees;
- Members of Subject Associations; and
- Specialists from our Curriculum Development Teams.

