

A specification developed with you and your students in mind

We have developed our new specification in response to your feedback.

More choice and variety

of topics are available for the two practical controlled assessment tasks instead of one piece of coursework.

Updated content

that is relevant, stimulating and informative, including suggested teaching activities related to individual aspects of the subject content.

Clearer, easier to follow layout

with each section clearly broken down into sub-sections, making the content even more accessible for you and your students.

Less pressure on you

with controlled assessment reducing the demands of marking coursework.

More manageable assessment

Controlled assessment can be conducted at a time that best suits you and your students. Within the child study component, the amount of research necessary, the number of visits to be carried out to the child and the period over which it should be carried has also all been reduced.

More focus

on what is required with the help of the tasks that we supply.

Untiered assessment

so you don't have to decide which tier to enter your students for and they have access to a larger range of grades.

Child Development

This specification is one of two which follow the GCSE Home Economics criteria. The other is GCSE Home Economics: Food and Nutrition.

- First examination is in June 2010.
- First certification is in June 2011.
- There is one tier of assessment with a single paper which covers all of the grades A*–G.

Written Paper (Unit 1)

100 marks
40% of the total marks

6–8 compulsory questions with a combination of short answer, structured and free response questions. Some questions will include stimulus material.

Research Task (Unit 2)

30 marks
20% of the total marks

The Research Task must be completed under supervision within the classroom and should occupy approximately 7 hours of supervised time.

Child Study (Unit 3)

60 marks
40% of the total marks

The Child Study must be completed under supervision within the classroom and should occupy approximately 20 hours of supervised time.

Let us help you choose!

You are invited to attend a free of charge, half day support meeting in the autumn term 2008, at a location near you. In the course of these meetings we will:

- Offer you an overview of our new and revised specifications, with an emphasis on teaching and learning issues.
- Share our thinking with you in terms of our specification design and opportunities for assessment.
- Offer you the opportunity to talk to one of our Senior Examining team; someone who has been part of our developments from the start.
- Give you an overview of our support package for the new specification and share our plans for published support materials from Nelson Thornes.

Details of our meetings and an on-line booking facility can be found on the AQA web site at:

<http://events.aqa.org.uk/ebooking/>

Using the online booking facility is easy and fast and will supply you with an email confirmation and venue information.

For telephone queries about any of our support meetings, please call:

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