

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Head of Science Department and Exams Officer

Date: May 2012

Subject: Legacy GCSE sciences re-sit arrangements

GCSE Twenty First Century Science Suite (J630, J631, J632, J633, J634, J635)
GCSE Gateway Science Suite (J640, J641, J643, J644, J645)
GCSE Environmental and Land-based Science (J650)

The last full assessment series for the legacy GCSE science specifications (listed above) will be June 2012. Candidates will, however, have a re-sit opportunity in January 2013. Certification for all legacy GCSE science specifications will also be available for the final time in the January 2013 series.

The JCQ Notice to Centres in February 2012, '*Withdrawal of GCSE science specifications*', stated that, for the January 2013 series, 'Units that are normally offered by OCR will be available'.

Following requests from centres, we have decided to offer the **full** set of legacy GCSE science units in the January 2013 series, to include coursework units and Ideas in Context units (Twenty First Century Science Suite).

Whilst the January 2013 series is intended as a re-sit opportunity, we will accept unit entries for candidates entering for the first time in the January 2013 series. However, please be aware that there will be no further re-sit opportunities for those candidates – no legacy unit assessments or certification will be available following the January 2013 series.

Candidates intending to complete GCSE science courses in June 2013 should be entered for the new science specifications for first teaching from 2011. Full details on the new specifications are available from the [OCR website](http://www.ocr.org.uk).

If you have any queries about this notice, please call our Customer Contact Centre on 01223 553998.