

Modular or Linear International GCSE's

Comparison	Modular	Linear
Number of exam papers	Two	Two
Weight of each paper	Sciences: P1 (50%) P2 (50%)	Sciences: P1 (61.1%) P2 (38.9%)
	Mathematics P1 (50%) P2 (50%)	Mathematics P1 (50%) P2 (50%)
Grade calculation	Result is based on the total of both papers in both cases - <i><u>no difference in final outcome</u></i>	
Duration of each Paper	Sciences P1 (1 hr 40 min) P2 (1 hr 40 min)	Sciences P1 (2 hrs) P2 (1 hr 15 min)
	Mathematics (2 hrs) P2 (2 hrs)	Mathematics (2 hrs) P2 (2 hrs)
Specification structure	Divided into two parts with clearly set objectives per unit/paper	Covers both papers with no specific objectives per unit/paper
Difficulty / Easiness	Same level	
Exam dates	Students sit for each paper on a separate date in both cases	
School's approach	Adopted by school since Sept 2024	Open option for students
School's Mock exam	✓	× (But can be arranged)
Resit Opportunities (<i>though not recommended</i>)	Can resit one paper only	Cannot resit one paper; should resit both papers