

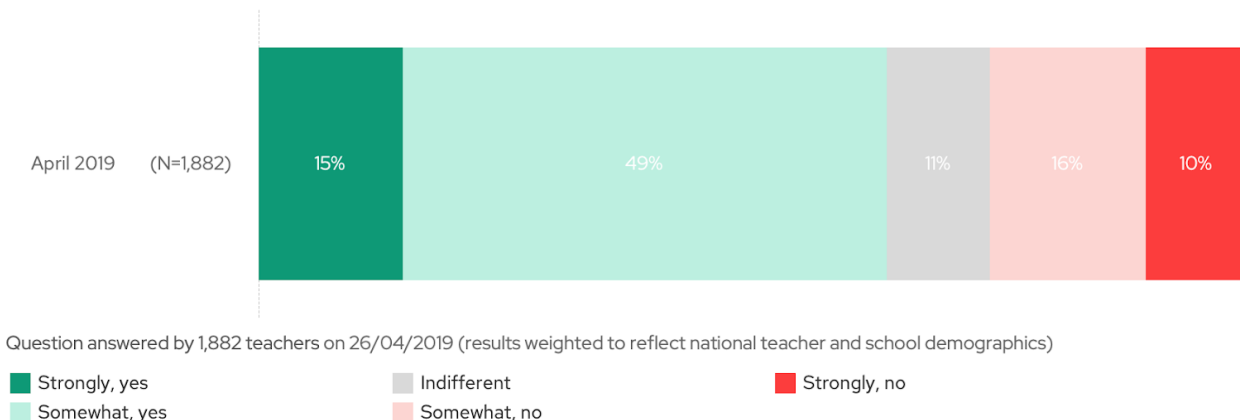
What changes would teachers make to their subject's KS4 curriculum?

Back in 2017, GCSE subjects started to be steadily reformed, designed to have “new, more demanding content”. Over a period of three years, each subject received not only a new curriculum, but also the now-familiar 9–1 grading system.

The new curriculum was received positively at the time, with 63% of you saying you liked the new specification. Additionally, even more said that it better prepared students for A-Level. It was a promising start for the reformed curriculum.

Teachers generally liked the new GCSE specification in their subject when we asked in April 2019

Question asked: “Do you like the new GCSE specification in your subject?”



Now however, there is discontent among teachers. In October, 76% of secondary teachers felt as if there was too much content to cover in their GCSE classes. This is up compared to when we last asked in 2019, when it was 69%. This difference may have been affected by learning loss during various lockdowns in the Covid-19 pandemic.

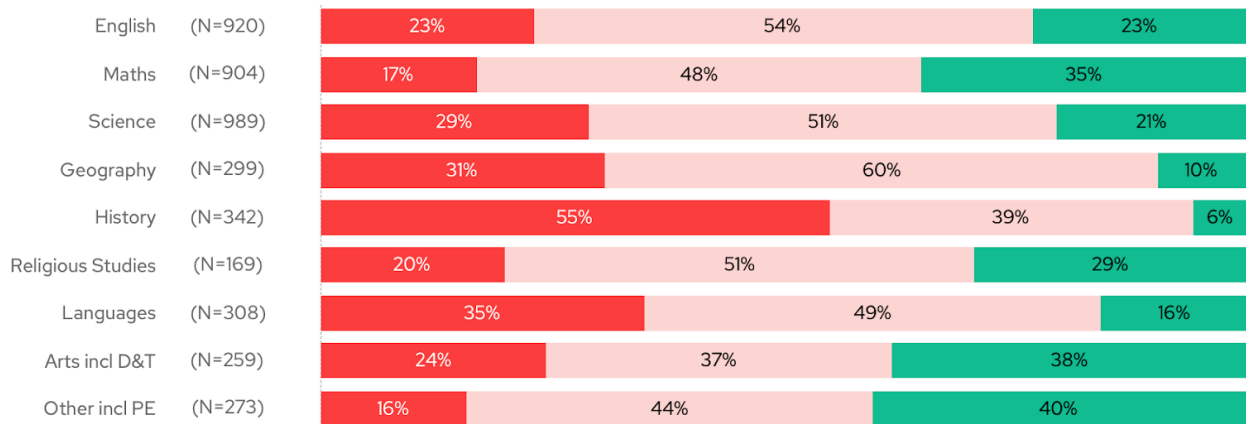
This discontent is felt across all subjects, with more than half of teachers saying they had too much content in their curriculum to do it justice.

History teachers were by far the most discontent, with 95% feeling there was too much content in their curriculum. Maths teachers were happiest, although two-thirds still said that

they were teaching too much.

Just a quarter of teachers are happy with the amount of content they have to teach at GCSE – the rest want to see a reduction

Question asked: "Would you like to see a reduction in the amount of content that you are expected to cover in the KS4 curriculum in your main subject?"



Question answered by 4,463 teachers on 07/10/2022 (results weighted to reflect national teacher and school demographics)

- Yes, a significant reduction
- Yes, a slight reduction
- No, I would keep the same amount of content at KS4

So this got us thinking – what area of the curriculum would you like to remove if you could?
Also, if there was space in the curriculum, what would you like to add?

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