FAQs relating to the removal of the January examination session for GCE Mathematics

Q: **Will there be any limits on the number of times a unit can be sat (or re-sat) before cash-in?**

A: Rules concerning re-sits have not changed, so any number of re-sits are possible before cash-in.

Q: **Will there be any limits on the number of time an AS or A level qualification can be sat (or re-sat)?**

A: Rules concerning re-sitting of the whole qualification have not changed, so an AS or A level in Mathematics can be sat as often as required.

Q: **Will students be allowed to sit (or re-sit) any number of units at a session, or must they sit 3 AS and/or 3 A2 at a time?**

A: Students will be able to sit any number of units at a session; for example, a student might sit C1 and C2 in June 2013 and C3, C4, M1 and M2 in June 2014. Or a student might want to re-sit just C4 in June 2013 which will be possible.

Q: **Have cash-in rules changed in any way?**

A: No, other than that cash-in opportunities will now only be available for summer sessions.

Q: **Have the rules for the award of A* grades changed in any way?**

A: No, the rules for the award of A* grades remain the same.

Q: **Has the content of the AS or A level changed at all?**

A: No, the content remains the same.

Q: **Will January examinations still be available to centres in Wales?**

A: Edexcel/Pearson will not be offering January examinations to centres in Wales.

Q: **Will January examinations still be available to centres in Northern Ireland?**

A: Edexcel/Pearson will not be offering January examinations to centres in Northern Ireland

Q: **Will January examinations still be available to centres outside the UK?**

A: There will be no January examinations outside the UK for the UK AS and A level Mathematics.

Q: **When are new AS and A levels expected?**

A: New AS and A level qualifications are expected to be introduced for first teaching in September 2015, with first AS examinations in Summer 2016 and first A level examinations in Summer 2017.

Q: **Will New AS and A level examinations be linear only?**

A: Yes.

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