

**Pearson Edexcel**  
**A level**

# Biology

Your switching  
support guide



# Before we get started...

Whether it be through having a conversation with our dedicated subject team or by receiving all of our free support materials in one easy to access place, we are **100% committed to supporting you.**

We've worked with teachers to provide the best switch experience, to save you time and give you the confidence to get started with us straight away.



**This switching support guide** brings together the information you've told us you need in one handy place, along with clear guidance about where to go next with further questions.

**Simply choose the step that's right for you...**



We're here to support you every step of the way with unparalleled free and paid-for resources.



Here are the essential things to know about our qualifications if you're thinking of switching to us.



If you like what you see, feel free to get in touch with us directly about how the course could work for you and your students.





## Get started straight away

We have everything you need to help you transition from your current awarding body, including:

- [our qualification guide](#) providing a quick overview of our specification and all the free support on offer
- **free 'New to Edexcel'** [online training](#) events run by our science experts to equip you with everything you need to get started.





## Get started straight away

- **Detailed mapping guidance** to compare our specifications, support guides and online systems with your current awarding body ([Biology A](#) and [Biology B](#)).
- **Teaching support** to help you plan and teach our AS and A level Biology qualifications successfully ([Biology A](#) and [Biology B](#)).
- Free **Scheme of Work** ([Biology A](#) and [Biology B](#)) to help you plan your curriculum.
- **1:1 support from our dedicated science subject specialist** to make sure you have everything you need to hit the ground running.





# Accessible assessments with a consistent approach for every paper

- **Clear language, simple layout and consistent use of command words** with no hidden surprises. See this in practice in our past exam papers ([Biology A](#) and [Biology B](#)).\*
- Three complete sets of specimen papers, as well as two “mock exam” papers, to give your students lots of practice ([Biology A](#) and [Biology B](#)).

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# Support with what to expect in our assessments

- A guide to [‘Understanding our Assessments’](#) to explain our accessibility principles.
- A guide to [transition from KS4](#) and best reinforce knowledge, skills and literacy in biology.
- A guide to **exemplar work with commentaries** as well as extended open response questions with example student responses at each level ([Biology A](#) and [Biology B](#)).
- Comprehensive **principal examiner reports** ([Biology A](#) and [Biology B](#)) available for each paper from results day.
- Detailed [pre-recorded feedback sessions](#) from the summer 2019 exams by our senior examining team.





# Unbeatable local and national support

- **Collaborative network events** delivered by our Pearson Edexcel science specialists – providing you with a mix of CPD, networking and important updates.

**“** *Our team members have brought back a wealth of information.* **”**

- **Fast, expert advice and support** from our dedicated science team.

We're here to make sure cost and time aren't barriers when switching to us, so **get in touch** to discuss the qualification support and resource packages open to you.







# Post-results support

- [Access to Scripts](#) – our free online service allowing you to view your students' marked exam papers online or download as a PDF.
- [ResultsPlus](#) – our free online results analysis tool that gives you a detailed breakdown of your students' performance in the exams.
- exemplar answers ([Biology A](#) and [Biology B](#)) with examiner feedback.
- [examWizard](#) – a free exam preparation tool containing a bank of Pearson Edexcel A level Science exam questions, mark schemes and examiners' reports.





Discover the support

## Expert subject advice from Irine

**Irine Muhiuddin**, your dedicated Subject Advisor, is on hand to help whenever you need.

You can [sign up](#) for regular updates.

Call **0330 058 9493** and follow her  [@PearsonSciences](#)





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## Unparalleled support

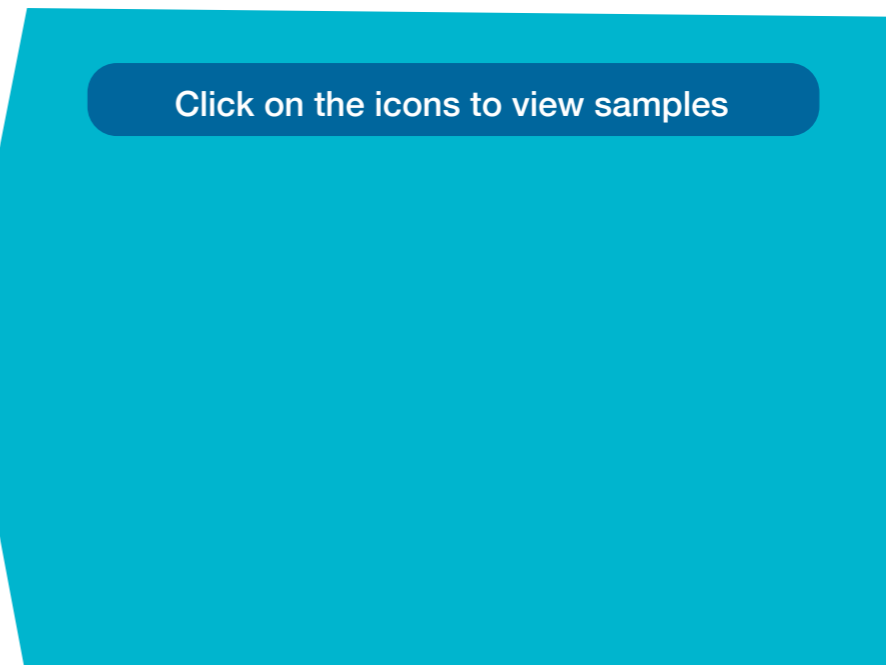
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Free support



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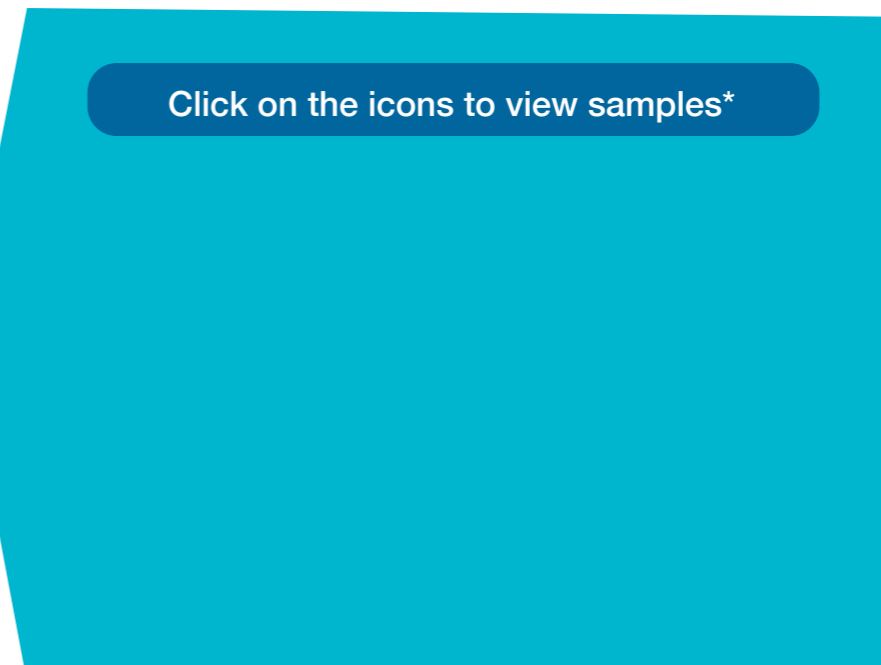
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# Nururing a life-long curiosity and passion for science

We seek to help and inspire every learner in their journey to discover more about, and have a positive impact on, the world around us.

Why science  
matters



Access  
for all



Tried and  
tested



Unbeatable  
support



# Course essentials

## Get to know the course at a glance

Our qualification guides provide a quick overview of our specification requirements and assessment model:



# Specifications

**Delve deeper into the detail**

**Download digital copies** of our specifications so you can analyse these documents in detail:



# Get in touch

Our experts are on hand to answer any questions you may have about the course and how it could work for you and your students.

## Give us a call

 **0161 855 7561**

## Stay updated

Contact our Subject Advisor for more information:

 [Community page](#)

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# Ready to switch?

If you like what you've seen and have decided to switch to our A level Biology qualification, request access to our digital welcome pack\* containing links to our A level specification, mapping grids, past exam papers, and much more...

## \*Welcome pack includes links to:

- ✓ an overview guide to our qualifications
- ✓ downloadable specifications for Biology A and Biology B
- ✓ access to previous exam papers
- ✓ mapping overview charts to help you compare our specifications with those from your previous awarding body
- ✓ information about our 11-16 published resources
- ✓ ResultsPlus mock analysis (analyse your exam data)
- ✓ FREE, New to Edexcel training and network events with other teachers who are joining us.



**If there's anything else we can do to help you  
in making your decision to switch to Pearson,  
please don't hesitate to let us know.**

Many thanks,

The Pearson Edexcel Science Qualifications Team

