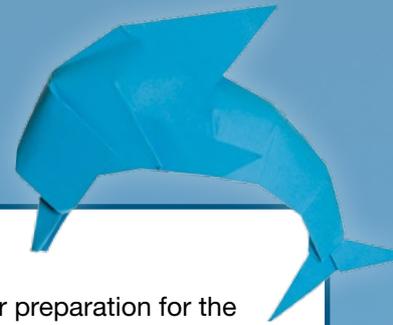


Key questions and answers for the free secure mock service.



**Q: What are the secure mock papers?**

**A:** These are sample question papers that can be used with your students as part of your preparation for the first GCSE (9-1) Mathematics exams in summer 2017. These mock papers and mark schemes will only be available via Edexcel Online. We hope this will help to keep them secure so they can be used for the purpose they've been designed - for use as unseen mock examinations, giving you the best chance to see how your students perform on papers they haven't seen before.

**Q: Will my students get a 9-1 grade?**

**A:** With the new grading scale coming in, there will be a recalibration of the standard. It will not be possible to grade these exams and be confident that the grades we're awarding aren't misleading. We want the results of this exam to be useful and informative for you. Instead of grading these exams, we will tell you where your students fall in terms of the distribution of the participating cohort sitting this set of Edexcel mock exams by tier. So, for example, you'll learn that a particular student was in the 60-65th percentile of Foundation Tier candidates that sat this mock exam.

**Q: What if I'm not an Edexcel centre – can I take part?**

**A:** We appreciate that the final decision on entries for the new GCSEs won't be made until 2017. This service is available to any centre who has a ResultsPlus account. Find out more and register for free.

**Q: When do the mock exams need to take place?**

**A:** In order to take full advantage of the mock service and receive your candidates' results, we suggest that you schedule the mock exams before Christmas, so that you have time to upload your students' results into ResultsPlus by the deadline of January 13th 2017.

**Q: Are the papers marked by Edexcel?**

**A:** No, the papers will need to be internally marked by your centre and the results uploaded to ResultsPlus by you.

**Q: Is this an ongoing service or a one-off?**

**A:** We will be providing new secure mock papers in 2017 and 2018. We are, however, currently only planning to offer the mock exam results service in 2017.

**Q: How many papers are there?**

**A:** There are six papers in total, three Higher Tier and three Foundation Tier papers. Each student should sit three papers at one of the tiers.

**Q: What content will be covered?**

**A:** These papers cover content sampled from the full specification content.

**Q: How do I get the results? Is there a results day?**

**A:** These assessments will need to be marked by the maths teachers in your school or college. You will be able to view the results analysis as soon as you have entered the data into ResultsPlus. Candidate level results telling you where your students fall in terms of the distribution of the participating cohort will be issued to you in early February 2017. These results will be sent to your exams officer who will be able to share them with you.

**Q: How do these results relate to the GCSE results?**

**A:** These results are designed to help you understand how your students are progressing on the GCSE course, and identify where their strengths and weaknesses are. They are not a guarantee of GCSE performance.

**Q: Is this service available to international centres?**

**A:** Yes, both UK and international centres can participate in this service.