



International Advanced Level Important examination key dates

Dear Colleague,

February 2018 update

New 2018 examinations and legacy 2013 specifications final examination sitting

In June 2017, we wrote to you about the redevelopment of our International Advanced Level specifications in the following subjects for first teaching in September 2018 and first assessment in January 2019:

- Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Mathematics
- Business
- Economics
- Information Technology (**replaces current Applied ICT qualification**)

We have now published final specifications and sample assessment material in all subjects on our website ready for you to start first teaching in September 2018. For more information on the new 2018 specifications, please see our [website](#). We have also updated the final sitting dates for the legacy specifications and this notice sets out these dates.

Final re-sit of legacy specifications examinations - what's changed?

1. We have added an additional opportunity to re-sit the legacy A2 examinations in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Business Studies and Economics in June 2020. There will be no legacy examinations in these subjects in the January 2020 series. This is to allow students, who sat A2 examinations in October 2019, time to receive their results and make a decision on whether to retake any unit examinations for the last time in June 2020.
2. The final resit of the legacy AS examinations in these subjects is June 2019.
3. Mathematics examinations will continue to be available in the normal way in January, June and October with no code changes except in Pure Maths 1, Pure Maths 2, Pure Maths 3, Pure Maths 4 and Decision Maths 1.

Examination planning

Please note that, apart from Mathematics, the new specifications have different content and assessment to the 2013 legacy specifications, therefore it will not be possible to combine results from any previous examinations. Below you will find important detail on the exam timings for each subject.

Unit availability

Details of the unit availability, for both legacy and new specifications, in each subject and each examination series are outlined below for your information. Please share this important information with key people in your centre, especially the examinations officer.

If you have any questions please contact us at pqs.internationaleo@pearson.com.

Yours faithfully

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Mathematics

What has changed?

- As there are only minimal changes in Mathematics, unit exams will continue to be available in the normal way in January, June and October.
- New Pure Maths 1, Pure Maths 2, Pure Maths 3, Pure Maths 4 and Decision Maths 1 examinations will be available as planned in the 2018 specification.
- Unit codes will remain the same except for Pure Maths 1, Pure Maths 2, Pure Maths 3, Pure Maths 4 and Decision Maths 1 where there are minor changes in the content
- Cash-in codes will remain the same.

Specification	Level	Units	Jun 2018	Oct 2018	Jan 2019	Jun 2019	Oct 2019	Jan 2020	Jun 2020	Oct 2020	Jan 2021
MATHEMATICS 2013 SPECIFICATION											
Core Maths	AS	WMA01	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x
Core Maths	A2	WMA02	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x
Mechanics 1	AS	WME01	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mechanics 2	A2	WME02	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mechanics 3	A2	WME03	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓
Statistics 1	AS	WST01	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Statistics 2	A2	WST02	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Statistics 3	A2	WST03	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	x	✓
Further Pure Maths 1	AS	WFM01	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓
Further Pure Maths 2	A2	WFM02	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	x	✓
Further Pure Maths 3	A2	WFM03	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	x	✓
Decision Maths 1	AS	WDM01	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x
NEW MATHEMATICS 2018 SPECIFICATION											
Pure Maths 1	AS	WMA11	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pure Maths 2	AS	WMA12	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pure Maths 3	A2	WMA13	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pure Maths 4	A2	WMA14	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓
Decision Maths 1	AS	WDM11	x	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓



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Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

What has changed?

- January 2019 - first sitting of new 2018 specification Unit 1 examination
- June 2019 - final re-sit opportunity of legacy AS examinations
- June 2019 - first AS cash-in of new 2018 specifications
- October 2019 - final sitting of legacy A2 unit examinations
- June 2020 - final re-sit of legacy A2 unit examinations
- June 2020 - first IAL cash-in of new 2018 specifications

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BIOLOGY 2013 SPECIFICATION											
Biology 2013	AS	WBI01	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x
Biology 2013	AS	WBI02	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x
Biology 2013	AS	WBI03	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x
Biology 2013	A2	WBI04	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x
Biology 2013	A2	WBI05	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x
Biology 2013	A2	WBI06	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x
NEW BIOLOGY 2018 SPECIFICATION											
Biology 2018	AS	WBI11	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Biology 2018	AS	WBI12	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Biology 2018	AS	WBI13	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Biology 2018	A2	WBI14	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓
Biology 2018	A2	WBI15	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓
Biology 2018	A2	WBI16	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓
CHEMISTRY 2013 SPECIFICATION											
Chemistry 2013	AS	WCH01	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x
Chemistry 2013	AS	WCH02	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x
Chemistry 2013	AS	WCH03	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x
Chemistry 2013	A2	WCH04	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x
Chemistry 2013	A2	WCH05	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x
Chemistry 2013	A2	WCH06	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x
NEW CHEMISTRY 2018 SPECIFICATION											
Chemistry 2018	AS	WCH11	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chemistry 2018	AS	WCH12	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chemistry 2018	AS	WCH13	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chemistry 2018	A2	WCH14	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chemistry 2018	A2	WCH15	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓
Chemistry 2018	A2	WCH16	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓



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PHYSICS 2013 SPECIFICATION											
Physics 2013	AS	WPH01	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x
Physics 2013	AS	WPH02	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x
Physics 2013	AS	WPH03	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x
Physics 2013	A2	WPH04	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x
Physics 2013	A2	WPH05	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x
Physics 2013	A2	WPH06	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x
NEW PHYSICS 2018 SPECIFICATION											
Physics 2018	AS	WPH11	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Physics 2018	AS	WPH12	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Physics 2018	AS	WPH13	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Physics 2018	A2	WPH14	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓
Physics 2018	A2	WPH15	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓
Physics 2018	A2	WPH16	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓



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Business and Economics

What has changed?

- January 2019 - first sitting of new 2018 specification Unit 1 examination
- June 2019 - final re-sit opportunity of legacy AS examinations
- June 2019 - first AS cash-in of new 2018 specifications
- October 2019 - final sitting of legacy A2 unit examinations
- June 2020 - final re-sit of legacy A2 unit examinations
- June 2020 - first IAL cash-in of new 2018 specifications

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BUSINESS 2013											
Business 2013	AS	WBS01	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x
Business 2013	AS	WBS02	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x
Business 2013	A2	WBS03	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x
Business 2013	A2	WBS04	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x
NEW BUSINESS 2018											
Business 2018	AS	WBS11	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Business 2018	AS	WBS12	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Business 2018	A2	WBS13	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓
Business 2018	A2	WBS14	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓

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ECONOMICS 2013 SPECIFICATION											
Economics 2013	AS	WEC01	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x
Economics 2013	AS	WEC02	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x
Economics 2013	A2	WEC03	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x
Economics 2013	A2	WEC04	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x
NEW ECONOMICS 2018 SPECIFICATION											
Economics 2018	AS	WEC11	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Economics 2018	AS	WEC12	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Economics 2018	A2	WEC13	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓
Economics 2018	A2	WEC14	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓



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Applied ICT

What has changed?

- There are no changes to the published exam availability in this subject.
- Final examinations in the outgoing Applied ICT is June 2019. This qualification is replaced by the new Information Technology (IT) qualification from first teaching in September 2018.

Specification	Level	Units	Jun 2018	Jun 2019	Jun 2020
LEGACY APPLIED ICT 2016					
Applied ICT 2016	AS	WIT01	✓	✓	x
Applied ICT 2016	AS	WIT02	✓	✓	x
Applied ICT 2016	AS	WIT03	✓	✓	x
Applied ICT 2016	A2	WIT04	✓	✓	x
Applied ICT 2016	A2	WIT05	✓	✓	x
Applied ICT 2016	A2	WIT06	✓	✓	x
Applied ICT 2016	A2	WIT07	✓	✓	x
Applied ICT 2016	A2	WIT08	✓	✓	x
NEW IT FROM 2018					
New IT 2018	AS	WIT11	x	✓	✓
New IT 2018	AS	WIT12	x	✓	✓
New IT 2018	A2	WIT13	x	x	✓
New IT 2018	A2	WIT14	x	x	✓