

Your guide to Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Modern Foreign Language subjects

(French, German
and Spanish)



Welcome

We have launched a new suite of Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) qualifications available for first teaching in September 2017.

This guide has been designed to provide you with in-depth information about the key features of the new Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) French, German and Spanish specifications, available for first teaching in September 2017.

Before we go into detail about French, German and Spanish, we wanted to give you an overview of what the changes to the Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) suite of qualifications are.

Why choose Edexcel International GCSEs (9–1)?

With over 3.4 million students studying Pearson qualifications worldwide, we offer internationally recognised qualifications to schools, colleges and employers globally. We are also the UK's largest academic and vocational Awarding Organisation.

As a result of our scale and reach, we are able to drive innovation in Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) qualification design, through our world-class qualifications principles framework. The framework ensures that through the development process, the qualifications are globally relevant, represent world-class best practice and maintain a consistent standard. As a result of our global scale and reach, we are also able to provide comprehensive support for Edexcel International GCSE students, so they are able to acquire the knowledge and skills needed for seamless progression to A level study, university and employment.

Designed for international students

Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) qualifications have been specifically designed for international students. As a result, they include more international content.

Reward outstanding academic achievement

Grade 9 represents a new level of attainment for the very top performers and is higher than an A* grade. This means there is greater differentiation of the most able at the top end of the grading scale.

Contain fully integrated Progression Map tools

Embedded in the textbooks and online learning materials, so teachers can conduct a quick and easy formative assessment of student progress.

Offer a wider range of teaching and learning materials, resources and training

Support includes schemes of work, exemplar materials, ExamWizard, comprehensive textbooks, interactive resources and tailored teacher training.

Provide detailed exam analysis with ResultsPlus

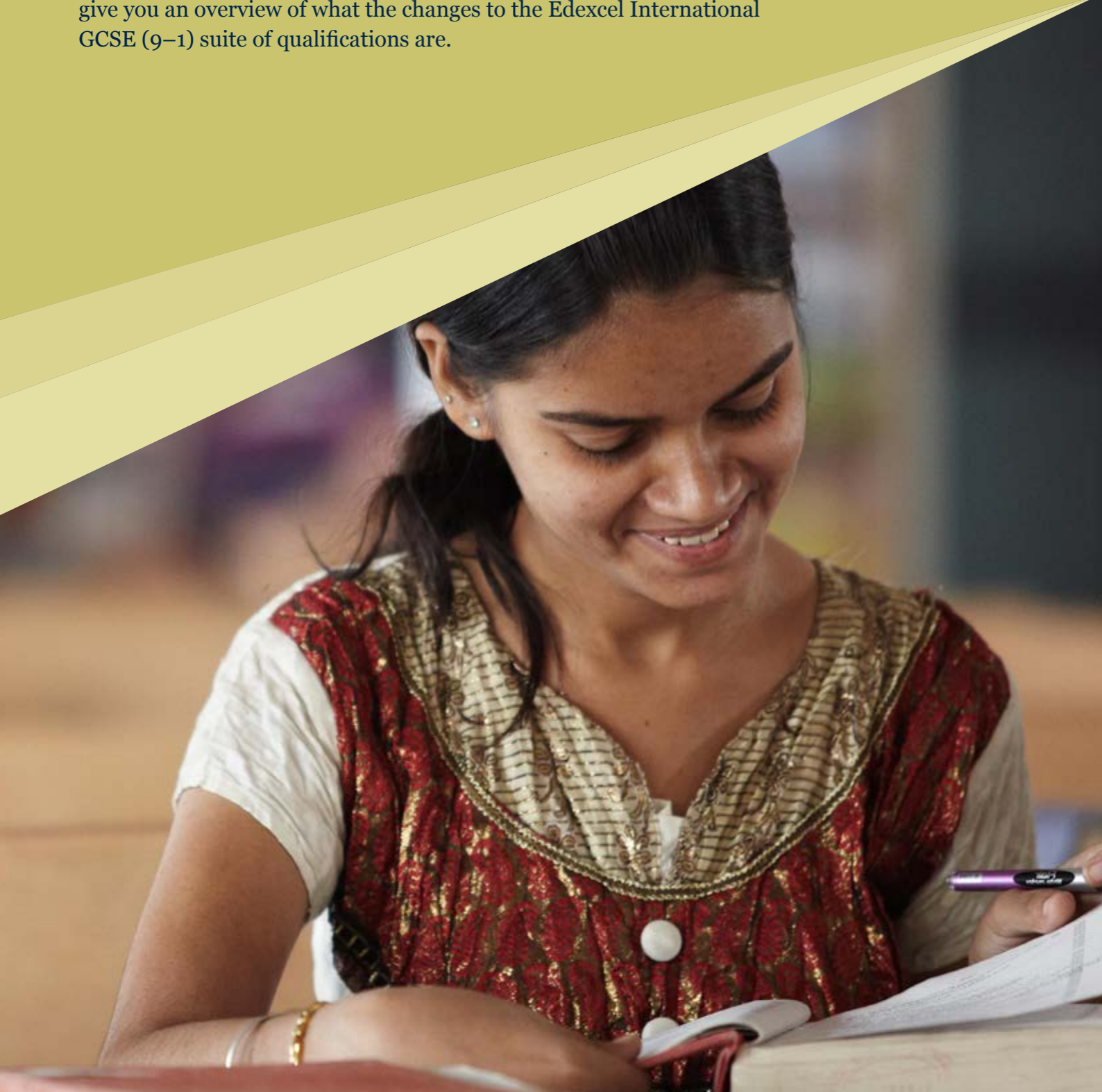
ResultsPlus is a service unique to Pearson that provides free online in-depth mock and actual exam performance analysis, supporting teachers to plan improvements in teaching and learning, driving attainment.

Support progression to further study

Developed with the help of teachers and higher education representatives, they provide seamless progression to further study, including A levels and beyond.

Contains embedded transferable skills

Developing students' core competencies, such as problem-solving and verbal reasoning, skills needed to seamlessly progress to higher-level study and that are valued by employers.



Why choose Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) French, German and Spanish qualifications?

We've listened to feedback from all parts of the international school community, including a large number of teachers. We've made changes that will engage students and give them skills that will support progression to further study of French, German and Spanish, plus a wide range of other subjects.

Clear and straightforward question papers

Our French, German and Spanish question papers are accessible for students of all ability ranges. Our mark schemes for all specifications are straightforward, so that the assessment requirements are clear.

Comparable to GCSE

We have designed our Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) French, German and Spanish qualifications to be of a broad equivalent standard to Pearson's regulated Edexcel GCSE qualifications. This ensures that Edexcel International GCSEs (9–1) are recognised globally and provide learners with the same progression routes.

Rewards outstanding academic achievement

As mentioned earlier, with 9 levels of performance rather than 8, high achievers have the opportunity to achieve a top grade 9.

There is also greater differentiation of middle performers, with three grades (4, 5 and 6) aligned to the current C and B grades. This means that the 9–1 grading scale rewards top grade C students with a new grade 5, and top B grade students with a new grade 6.

Supports progression to A Level

Our Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) French, German and Spanish qualifications enable successful progression to A Level and beyond. Through our world-class qualification development process, we have consulted with international language teaching experts to validate the appropriateness of this qualification including the content, skills and assessment structure.

At Edexcel, we offer French, German and Spanish International GCSE (9–1) qualifications to offer teachers the choice and flexibility to select a specification that best meets the needs of their learners.



A closer look at the French, German and Spanish specifications

Our Modern Foreign Language qualifications are specifically intended for students whose first language is not French, German or Spanish. The content and assessment approach for these qualifications has been designed to meet students' needs in the following ways.

- **Engaging and accessible topics:** The topics (and related texts) used in the reading and writing paper are engaging and suitable for all students. They are also based on contexts that students are likely to encounter and are diverse in their content. Culturally sensitive and authentic reading and listening texts are used throughout.
- **Student selected picture:** Students will select their own picture as part of the speaking examination. This empowers the students to confidently prepare for a topic of their choice, and personalise one element of their examination.
- **Broad and deep development of skills:** The design of the revised International GCSE aims to extend students' knowledge by broadening and deepening skills. For example, students develop the ability to:
 - Read for both gist and detail.
 - Write in response to a given situation.
 - Listen to a complex argument or discussion, understand the overall message and identify attitudes and opinions.
- **Development of spoken language skills:** Students are able to develop their understanding of the spoken word through separate speaking and listening components.

At a glance: New Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) French, German and Spanish specifications

Paper 1: Listening	Paper 2: Reading and Writing	Paper 3: Speaking
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ External assessment (35 mins). ■ 25% of total marks. ■ This paper assesses listening skills across five topic areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Home and abroad. ■ Education and employment. ■ Personal life and relationships. ■ The world around us. ■ Social activities, fitness and health. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ External assessment (1 hour 45 mins). ■ 50% of total marks. ■ This paper assesses reading and writing skills in separate sections across five topic areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Home and abroad. ■ Education and employment. ■ Personal life and relationships. ■ The world around us. ■ Social activities, fitness and health. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ External assessment (8 to 10 mins). ■ 25% of total marks. ■ This paper assesses speaking skills across five topic areas, however sub-topics A3, C3, C5, D2 and E4 will not be assessed in this paper. ■ The examination is made up of three tasks (A, B and C). Students will present and answer questions on a picture. They will also discuss two different topics, chosen at random by Pearson from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Home and abroad. ■ Education and employment. ■ Personal life and relationships. ■ The world around us. ■ Social activities, fitness and health.



Feedback from teachers on the French, German and Spanish specifications

“I think the removal of the bilingual rubric is a step in the right direction. I also think the discrete grammar test (Paper 2 Q8) is helpful... and the streamlining of Paper 1 is an improvement.

Papers cover a wide range of difficulty – but that is the right approach. The harder questions in each paper are certainly challenging (but they are manageable) and would be a good preparation for the new A level when it is introduced.

My feeling is the paper is, by and large, at an appropriate level and there are many good things to admire here.”

Dr Sean Allen, Reader in German studies, Warwick University, UK.

Your guide to assessment timelines

The table below shows each assessment opportunity for Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) French, German and Spanish specifications.

	May/June 2017	May/June 2018	May/June 2019
Current specification:	Assessment window	Assessment window	Not available
New specification:	Not available	Not available	May/June series available (first assessment window for all centres)



Offer a wider range of teaching and learning materials, resources and training

We understand that delivering first-class qualifications takes time and careful planning, which is why we strive to provide you with an unparalleled level of support alongside our high-quality Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) French, German and Spanish qualifications.

At a glance: support for you at every stage		
Planning	Free support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Support from your Subject Advisor ✓ Face-to-face and online training events
	Published resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Curriculum matched, endorsed resources developed by publishers Hodder
Teaching & Learning	Free support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Getting started guides ✓ Schemes of work ✓ Exemplar marked responses ✓ Sample assessment materials ✓ Examiner reports ✓ Ask the expert
	Published resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Curriculum matched, endorsed resources developed by publishers Hodder
Assessment & Progression	Free support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Exam preparation resources ✓ Past exam papers ✓ Community support ✓ Results analysis tool, ResultsPlus ✓ Past paper questions with ExamWizard
	Published resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Curriculum matched, endorsed resources developed by publishers Hodder.





Your subject support

Subject Advisors

Offer fast, reliable, expert help on a specific subject area of your choice. We aim to answer all emailed questions within 48 hours and resolve 90% of issues phoned in on the first call.

Ask the Expert

Find answers to questions about teaching and delivering our Edexcel qualifications quickly using our database.

Communities

Connect with other tutors around the world, share ideas and resources and stay up to date with the latest subject developments.

Free teaching resources with instant access to:

- A large library of past exam papers, which you can use to prepare mock exams and to gain a better understanding of the assessment standard.
- Getting started guides and schemes of work, to support with lesson planning and delivery.
- Examiners reports and additional Sample Assessment Materials, available to both teachers and students completely free of charge, to provide a better understanding of the standard.

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I used the website with its course outlines, past papers, summaries of key points, revision notes and mark schemes... they provide great tips about possible exam questions and how you could answer them.”

Alexia Kattavenos, student,
The Nicosia Grammar School, Cyprus

Your training support

Our up-to-date and relevant training events are designed to deepen your teachers' understanding and share best practice, and can be tailored to your specific needs.

Face-to-face

Engaging and informative training to help you develop exciting and inclusive learning programmes.

Online

Simple to set-up, live and fully interactive training options for staff no matter where they're located.

Your exam preparation and assessment support

ResultsPlus

A free online results analysis tool that provides information to help raise student attainment. By providing detailed, digestible information on exam performance, teachers can help their students improve their performance by highlighting potential focus areas.

ResultsPlus also enables teachers to compare the results of their cohort with schools across the world.

Exam preparation resources

We offer a range of resources to help students better understand what is required of them so they can plan their revision effectively and be well prepared for their exams, including: past papers, textbooks and other resources plus exam revision tips.



“Because of ResultsPlus, students can learn about their mistakes and rectify.”

Kanagambigai, Chief Counsellor, Chemistry Lecturer, A levels Department, HELP Academy, Malaysia commenting on the ResultsPlus mocks service.

Published resources

Stretch and support your students with a differentiated approach to the Edexcel International GCSE courses, ensuring they have the key skills and knowledge to progress through the GCSE and beyond.

- Develop students' four key skills with a variety of topical stimulus material.
- Ensure students are prepared for the exam with exam style exercises and differentiated exam corners, containing top tips and sample answers throughout.
- Teach and practice grammar using a step-by-step approach, with each spread focusing on one grammar point.
- Stretch more able pupils and encourage the progression required for further study at a level with activities.
- Enhance students' cultural and international awareness with magazine sections throughout to provide variety and a different perspective.
- Support content from the Student's Book with recordings and transcripts on the Teacher's Resource and Audio CDs, as well as answers, teacher notes and editable vocabulary lists. This material can also be purchased as part of the Dynamic Learning platform.

Learn more at

www.hoddereducation.co.uk/languages



“One of the good features of ResultsPlus is that it provides the top ten questions that students scored poorly in, so we as the lecturers can actually identify the topics that students found difficult and can incorporate a different approach when teaching our current students.”

Dr Khong Yoke Kum, Chemistry Lecturer, A levels Department, HELP Academy, Malaysia.



It is like a global passport,
it offers me worldwide
recognition and I can go
anywhere with my
Edexcel qualifications...
I would definitely
recommend Edexcel.”

Nikita Jha, Edexcel International GCSE
student at Sayfol International
School, Malaysia.

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To find out more about our new Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) French, German and Spanish qualifications visit our **website** or **complete our online form** to request a local consultant to contact you.