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Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs

A guide for schools

Modern qualifications for globally
minded students



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Choosing Pearson Edexcel as your school's International GCSE partner

Helping your students select their International GCSE options is a key moment in their schooling; it's an important time in learners' lives and we want to reassure you that with Pearson as your qualifications partner, you can be sure both you and your students are setting yourselves up for future success.

In this guide, you'll learn more about who we are, the recognition and progression our Pearson Edexcel international qualifications enjoy and the International GCSE options (including onscreen assessment and modular routes) available to your learners.

We wish you the best of success for your International GCSE journey!

“I chose Pearson Edexcel international qualifications because of their global recognition and commitment to quality education. The rigorous curriculum and diverse subject choices have not only prepared me for university but also helped me grow in critical thinking and adaptability. To students considering Pearson Edexcel, I highly recommend it for its credibility, comprehensive learning experience, and the opportunities it opens for a bright future.”

Win Pyae Aung, Taylor's University Malaysia undergraduate (Foundation degree)



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Our international qualifications and resources deliver results

See what our schools and learners say. Scan the QR code or search 'success stories' at [pearson.com/international-schools](https://www.pearson.com/international-schools).



Welcome to Pearson

As the world's leading learning company, our mission at Pearson is to help people realise the life they imagine through learning.

We offer international qualifications and assessments designed specifically for international students, that are recognised and accepted by universities all over the world and provided to your international school by a trusted and respected awarding body with a long history of qualifications provision.

We work together with international schools around the world to make a positive difference to learners' lives and we believe the best part of working in education is seeing learners progress.

Let's make a difference to your learners' futures, together.

We are with you, for you

When you partner with us, you join thousands of schools around the world who have done the same and are enjoying the benefits for their educators and learners.

The international schools we work with value our innovation, our world renowned curriculum content and qualifications and they benefit from the choice and flexibility we offer. They trust us and work closely with their local Pearson consultants who share their vision and work every day to help them achieve it.

This trusted partnership ensures learners receive the very best educational support and educators benefit from the assurance that they are backed by a dedicated team invested in their success.

What this means for you

You can trust Pearson Edexcel International GCSE qualifications; thousands of students around the world take these same qualifications every year, progressing onto our popular modular International A Levels (IAL[®]), International BTECs or the IB Diploma Programme, and to the world's most respected universities.



Our qualifications heritage stretches back **over 100 years**



More than **3.5 million students** take our qualifications globally each year



Our Pearson Edexcel international and UK qualifications are offered in **more than 115 countries worldwide**



We mark **over 10 million exam scripts** per year on behalf of the UK Department for Education



Our international and UK qualifications are **recognised and accepted** by universities all over the world



Modern, progressive International GCSE qualifications

For globally minded learners aged 14-16

Renowned across the world for academic excellence, Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs provide learners with the skills and knowledge they need to progress to International A Levels (IAL[®]) and onto the most prestigious universities across the world.

Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs are part of iProgress, our complete series of academic qualifications for 3 to 19 year-olds at international schools following a UK curriculum.

At every stage, our iProgress continuum delivers a consistent learning journey with world class support, assessments, and teaching and learning resources for students and teachers, everywhere in the world.



<p>iPrimary</p> <p>Ages 3-11</p> <p>Includes Early Years. Covers 11 subjects</p>	<p>iLowerSecondary</p> <p>Ages 11-14</p> <p>Covers 11 subjects</p>	<p>International GCSE (9-1)</p> <p>Ages 14-16</p> <p>Available for 37 subjects</p>	<p>International AS/A Level</p> <p>Ages 16-19</p> <p>Available for 22 subjects</p>
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Recognised worldwide for academic excellence

Designed for global learners

Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs are globally recognised qualifications for learners aged 14 to 16 with academic content and assessment designed specifically for international learners. We continually review the content of our specifications – adding international topics and examples using local contexts where possible – to ensure the content of our qualifications is ever more relevant and engaging for students around the world and to enable learning in a local context to a global standard.

Transferable skills

Opportunities to develop transferable skills such as problem solving, critical thinking, leadership and collaboration, are integrated throughout each of our Pearson Edexcel International GCSE qualifications to ensure learners have the skills and knowledge they need to progress onto International A Level, the next level of study.

Structured progression

Pearson Edexcel International GCSE qualifications are excellent preparation for Pearson Edexcel International A Levels, International BTECs, or the IB Diploma Programme.

As the next step up from International GCSEs, International A Levels are designed for students aged 16–18 who want to progress to the best universities around the world. They use the popular and flexible modular approach, which means exams are taken at the end of each unit of study or throughout the programme of study when students feel prepared and ready.



Accessible for ESL learners

Our International GCSE qualifications have been designed in collaboration with subject experts, teachers and university professors, to ensure that the content and assessment methods are appropriate and will enable successful progression for learners, including those for whom English is not their first language.

Worldwide university recognition

Close to 1,500 universities across the world formally recognise Pearson Edexcel international qualifications, including the world's top 20 universities, all UK universities, 260 universities in the US and leading universities in 56 other countries, and with the twenty first century skills your learners will develop as part of their International GCSE curriculum, you can be confident they will have qualifications, skills and knowledge that admissions teams and employers are looking for.

“I chose these qualifications because they are globally recognised by universities all over the world and studying abroad has always been my biggest dream. They're designed with a global perspective which I believe will allow me to apply internationally with ease, knowing my qualifications meet the global standards.”

Rethabile Mokuinihi, New Millennium International School
Lesotho, Africa

Rethabile studied Pearson Edexcel iLower Secondary followed by Pearson International GCSEs.

Grading and awarding

About the 9–1 grading scale

In 2014, the UK Government introduced a nine-point grading scale (9–1) to raise standards and recognise top-performing students. This replaced the traditional A*–G grading. After consultation with international schools, Pearson Edexcel chose to follow the 9–1 grading scale to ensure comparability for our international students.

Since then, millions of GCSEs and International GCSEs have been awarded using the 9–1 grading scale, making it the most used and recognised grading scale for this qualification worldwide.

Good to know

Pearson Edexcel International GCSE qualifications are equivalent to and benchmarked, grade for grade, against GCSEs, so you can be confident that they are recognised and respected across the world. They offer increased differentiation for your top learners (a grade 9 represents a higher level of attainment than A*) and will deliver the progression for your learners that you want to see.

Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs follow the modern 9–1 structure	GRADING STRUCTURE	OLD GRADING SCALE
This structure provides increased differentiation for learners. There is greater differentiation at the top of the scale, with three grades (9, 8, 7) rather than two (A*, A). A grade 9 represents a higher level of attainment than an old grade A* and the bottom of grade 7 broadly aligns with the bottom of an old grade A.	9	A*
	8	
	7	A
There's also greater differentiation in the middle of the scale, with three grades 6, 5 and 4 rather than two grades (B and C). The bottom of the grade 4 broadly aligns with the bottom of the old grade C.	6	B
	5	
	4	C
The bottom of the grade 1 broadly aligns with the bottom of the old grade G.	3	D
	2	E
	1	F
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“I not only recommend the International GCSE system because of their 9–1 grading scale due to having an extra grade to differentiate the top tier students, but also because this system is recognized globally therefore it opens up more opportunities for students to study at university abroad.”

John Andrew Tampubolon, International GCSE (9–1) student at Al Yasmina School, Abu Dhabi.

Modular and linear assessment routes

Choose a linear or modular assessment approach

International GCSE success is different for every student. Doing all the assessment at the end works well for many, which is why we continue to offer our trusted linear approach.

We also know that spreading the exam pressure across modular unit assessments that can be taken in any exam series works better for others.

This is why Pearson Edexcel now offers a choice of modular or linear assessment for many of our International GCSE qualifications.

The modular assessment route is only available to schools outside of the UK.

How modular International GCSEs work

Units can be assessed in any exam series

With a modular route, there are no restrictions on students taking units together; all units can be treated separately, and they can be taken in any International GCSE exam series. All exam papers for modular International GCSEs are at the same standard as the exam papers on the linear route.

No time limits to the qualification

Students can take and re-sit individual unit assessments in any series. This means students have more opportunities to get feedback to improve their performance and get the grades they need to progress.

Students 'cash in' unit results when ready

Once a student has all their unit results for the qualification they are taking, they exchange those for a grade – this is called 'cashing in'. To cash in, all units must have been entered.

Onscreen or paper-based assessments

We are the first exam board to offer onscreen exams

Technology is advancing, learning is evolving, and so is assessment. Students across the world can now take onscreen exams for Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Business and Economics qualifications.

We're harnessing the power of onscreen assessment to support teachers and students in more than 115 countries because we believe in creating assessments that encourage progress, enable access and inclusion, and enrich learning.

And together with the education community, we're focused on choosing where and how we best use technology to positively impact assessments and the lives of learners.



Onscreen Mocks Service

Students can sit an International GCSE Business and Economics past papers onscreen and have it marked by our expert marking team.

Available for in-centre and home use, our onscreen mocks are built to support flexibility and accessibility in delivering assessments. Building on our experience of delivering onscreen assessments across the world, we've worked extensively to ensure that the paper-based and onscreen mock examination experiences are as similar as possible.

What international schools say

Students sat Pearson Edexcel International GCSE exams onscreen for the first time back in 2022 following a thorough pilot. The number of students sitting onscreen exams has seen a five-fold increase since then and the number of schools onboarding has more than tripled. By the examination series in 2026, 14 subjects will have an onscreen assessment option for international schools.

What this means for you

We already have a wealth of experience at delivering onscreen high stakes assessments in a range of educational settings – ranging from delivering more than 14 million high-stakes onscreen assessments to over 1.6 million students each year in partnership with the Egyptian Ministry of Education, to Pearson Test of English, our fully automated, AI-based test to certify English Language proficiency.

This means that international schools whose students sit their Pearson Edexcel International GCSE exams onscreen can be confident in our onscreen assessments – and you can have that confidence too.

Students said...

“More time to plan’. ‘More time to review my work.’ ‘I could write more’. ‘I could manage my time better’.”

Teaching and assessment support

Successful curriculum implementation and qualification delivery requires an ecosystem of support, services and resources.

From expert guidance our local Pearson Consultants and subject advisors, to robust planning tools, professional development opportunities, and post-exam insights, our support spans the full teaching and learning cycle. Whether you're getting started, preparing for exams, or analysing results, Pearson is here to help you succeed with confidence.



	Support	Resources and Services	Planning, Learning & Teaching	Exam Preparation & Assessment	Results Support
Your Support Team	In region, local Pearson Consultant		✓	✓	✓
	Subject Advisors		✓	✓	✓
	Customer Service team and portal			✓	✓
Course Materials	Getting Started Guides		✓		
	Mapping documents		✓	✓	
	Specifications		✓	✓	
	Lesson plans		✓		
	Schemes of Work (SOW)		✓		
	Samples Assessment Materials (SAMs)		✓	✓	
	Exemplar material		✓	✓	
	Past Papers		✓	✓	
Training + Professional Development	Mark Schemes			✓	
	Getting started		✓		
	Understanding assessment and improving delivery*		✓	✓	
	Exam insight				✓
	Enhancing teaching and exam success*		✓	✓	
Exam Services	Exam Officer Training			✓	✓
	ResultsPlus results analysis tool			✓	✓
	ExamWizard mock exam and test generator			✓	
Published Resources	Access to Exam Scripts (ATS)				✓
	Student Books (print and eBook)*		✓	✓	
	Teaching materials and platforms (print and digital)*		✓	✓	

Resources and services may vary by qualification and subject. *Additional cost. All other support is included in your exam fees.

Exam and results services

In addition to teaching and learning support, your school will be supported with every aspect of exam administration, from approval, through to exam entries, to post exam services. You'll also get access to unbeatable exam tools and services to help you access rich insights on your students and school performance.



ResultsPlus is Pearson's powerful results analysis tool designed to help schools gain deeper insights into student performance. It provides detailed breakdowns of exam results, highlighting strengths and areas for improvement at both individual and cohort levels. This enables teachers to tailor their teaching strategies, target revision more effectively, and support students in achieving better outcomes.



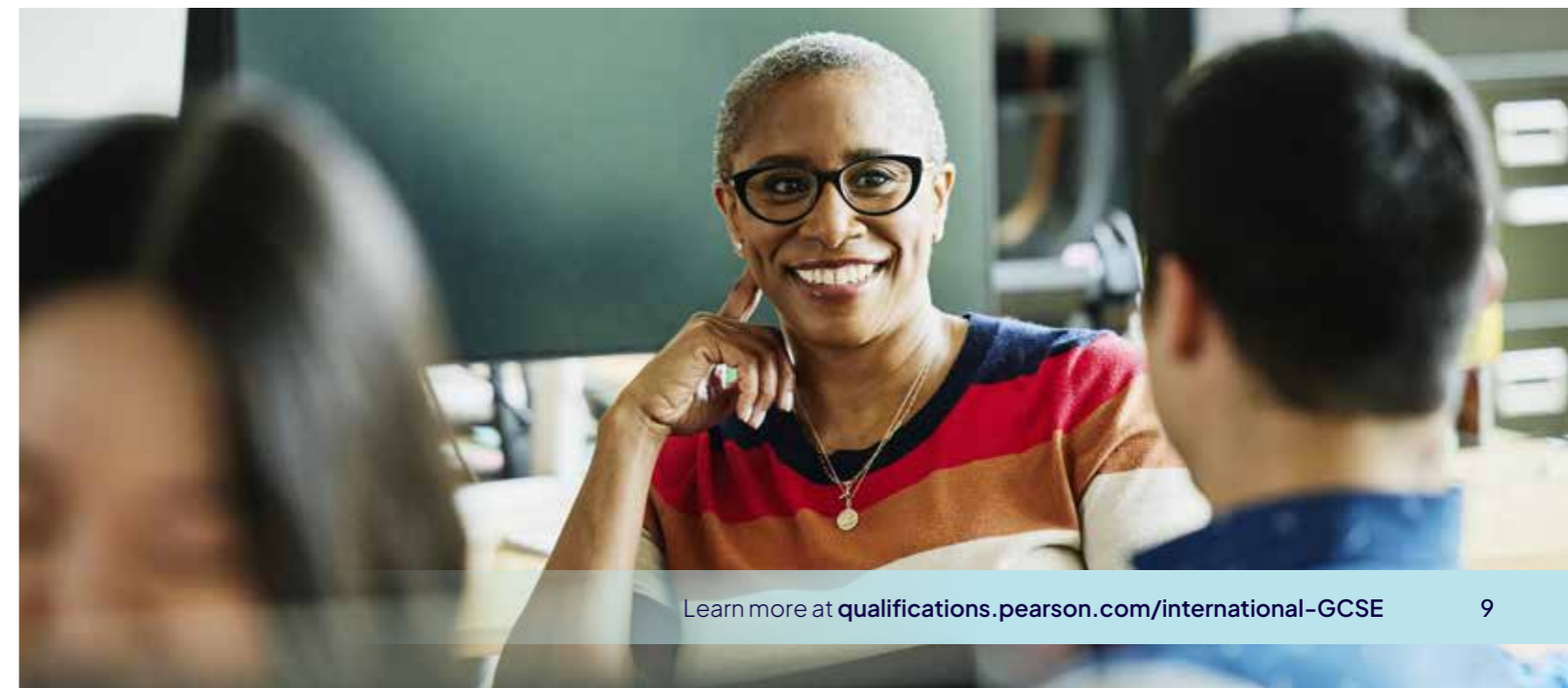
ExamWizard is an online test-building platform that gives teachers access to a large bank of past Pearson exam questions. With filtering options by topic, level, and question type, it allows for the creation of tailored mock exams, homework tasks, or revision activities. It's an efficient way to reinforce learning and assess progress in line with actual exam standards.

ACCESS TO SCRIPTS (ATS)

Access to Scripts allows schools to view scanned copies of their students' marked exam papers. This transparency helps educators understand how marks were awarded, identify common errors or misconceptions, and provide more focused feedback. It's a valuable tool for internal moderation and supporting professional development through real-life examples of student responses. It also helps schools and students make informed decisions about applying for a review of marking and moderation where grades can stay the same, go up or go down.

PEARSON MOCKS SERVICE

The Pearson Mocks Service provides schools access to Pearson Edexcel onscreen exam papers for use in mock examinations which are then marked or moderated by Pearson examiners. Results are uploaded to ResultsPlus (see above) for detailed item-level analysis, helping teachers pinpoint areas for improvement. The service reduces teacher workload, ensures consistent and reliable marking, and supports data-driven teaching strategies. The onscreen option offers a secure solution with results typically returned within 14 days.



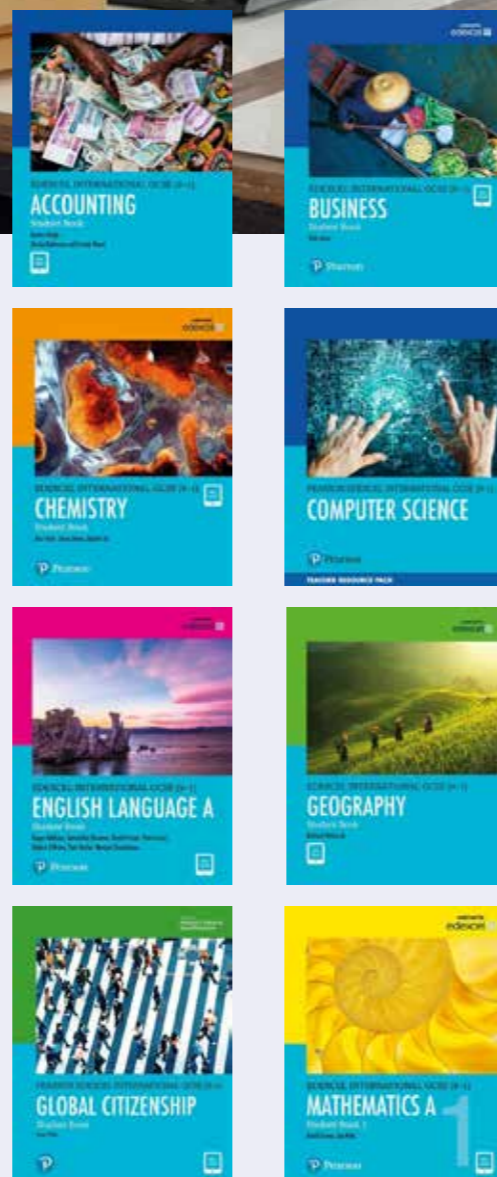


Teaching and learning resources

Written specifically to support our qualifications

As well as offering International GCSE qualifications and assessments to help international students make progress in their lives, we also provide a range of digital and print resources, specifically written to support our Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) specifications.

These include student books, revision guides, eBooks and online teaching resources to support many of our International GCSE qualifications.



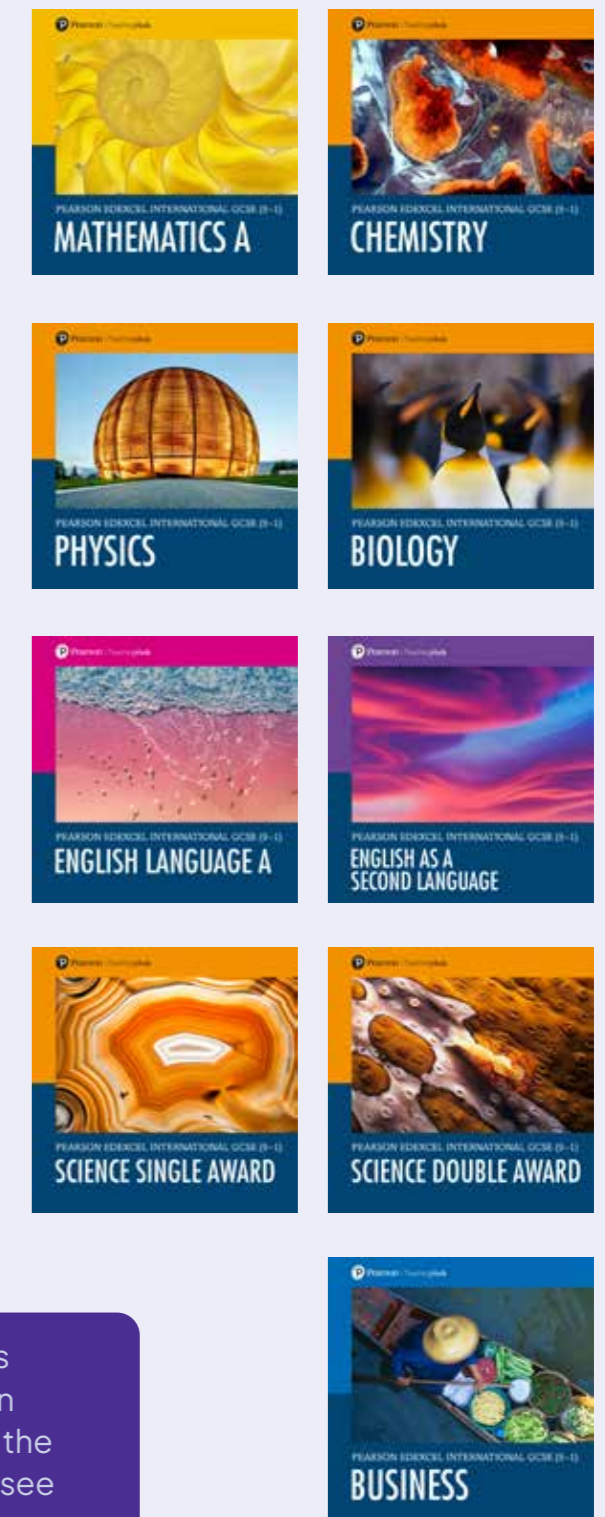
International GCSE Teaching Hubs

Unlock teaching and learning excellence with the ultimate, end-to-end programme for International GCSE.

The International GCSE Teaching Hubs ensure consistent teaching and learning excellence by providing a complete package for schools, with gold standard lessons, assessment preparation and practice, and professional development modules.

Each course contains meticulous, step-by-step lesson plans, mediarich resources and carefully curated assessment tools, providing teachers with the support they need to teach International GCSEs consistently, creatively and with complete confidence.

Now available for English as a Second Language, English Language A, Mathematics A, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Business, Science (Double Award) and Science (Single Award).



“...it has been a valuable resource for teachers to facilitate learning activities in class that remain consistent across multiple sets of the subject in the same year group, and for students to be able to see standardisation in classroom experiences across these groups too. Students have shown higher levels of involvement and enthusiasm in their own efforts due to the richness and variety available.”

Mahesh Warriar, Head of Chemistry - Epsom College, Malaysia

Subject choice

Subject selection for International GCSE

The subjects your school chooses to offer will depend on your overall academic programme, the profile of your students, and any curriculum requirements specific to your country.

When selecting subjects, aim for breadth and balance across academic disciplines – sciences, humanities, languages, and creative fields – to support students' holistic development.

Your International GCSE choices should also align with your wider school programme, including the curriculum for 11–14-year-olds, A Level options, and typical progression routes.



UK National Curriculum requirements

In the UK, schools have to following the national curriculum and teach a range of subjects at 14–16 (GCSE/International GCSE) although not all subjects will be examined.

Compulsory core subjects: English Language, Mathematics, and Science (either a single or double award or separate sciences/triple award – Biology, Chemistry, Physics).

Statutory subjects but not always examined unless chosen by students as a GCSE option: Computing, Citizenship, Physical Education (PE), Religious Education (RE), Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE).

Schools must also offer at least one subject from each of the following areas and students typically choose 3–5 optional subjects in addition to the core:

- Arts (e.g. Music, Drama, Art & Design)
- Humanities (e.g. History, Geography)
- Design & Technology
- Modern Foreign Languages (e.g. French, Spanish, German)

Good to know

As a guide, each subject requires approximately 120 guided teaching hours across a two-year period and students typically choose 6–10 subjects at International GCSE.

International GCSE options

Find out more about each qualification

The following pages provide more information on a selection of subjects. All subjects are available as linear, paper-based exams. In addition, the following table shows where there is also a choice of modular and onscreen assessment.

Pearson Edexcel qualification	Page	Onscreen availability	Modular availability	Exam series availability
Accounting	14		✓	May/June and November
Arabic (First Language)	See online			May/June and November
Art and Design	25			May/June
Bangla	See online			May/June and November
Bangladesh Studies	See online			May/June
Biology	20		✓	May/June and November
Business	14	✓		May/June and November
Chemistry	20		✓	May/June and November
Chinese	See online			May/June and November
Commerce	15		✓	May/June and November
Computer Science	23	✓ (from 2027)		May/June
Economics	15	✓	✓	May/June and November
English as a Second Language	17	✓ (from 2026)	✓	May/June and November
English Language A	16	✓	✓	May/June and November
English Language B	16			May/June and November
English Literature	17	✓	✓	May/June and November
French	See online			May/June and November
Further Pure Mathematics	19			May/June and November
Geography	24	✓	✓	May/June and November
German	See online			May/June
Global Citizenship	25	✓		May/June
Greek (First Language)	See online			May/June
History	24	✓	✓	May/June and November
Human Biology	22			May/June and November
ICT	23	✓ (from 2026)		May/June and November
Islamic Studies	See online	✓		May/June
Mathematics A	18		✓	May/June and November
Mathematics B	18			May/June and November
Pakistan Studies	See online	✓		May/June
Physics	21		✓	May/June and November
RE/Religious Studies	See online		✓	May/June
Science (Double Award)	21		✓	May/June and November
Science (Single Award)	22			May/June
Sinhala	See online			May/June
Spanish	See online			May/June
Swahili	See online			May/June
Tamil	See online			May/June

International GCSE: Business subjects

International GCSE (9-1) Business

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Business qualification is designed to be truly international in context supporting progression to International A levels (IAL[®]) in Business/Economics, BTEC National in Business and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular).

There are two examination papers, Paper 1: Investigating small businesses and Paper 2: Investigating larger businesses.

Onscreen assessment is available for this qualification as an alternative assessment format.

What will you study?

- Business activity and influences on business
- People in business
- Business finance
- Marketing
- Business operations



International GCSE (9-1) Accounting

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Accounting qualification is designed to provide students with greater opportunities to demonstrate their skills and knowledge of accounting. The specification and question papers are engaging and accessible for students and the material is appropriate and relevant for progression, building a solid foundation in accounting.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular). There are two examination papers. Paper 1: Introduction to Bookkeeping and Accounting and Paper 2: Financial Statements.

What will you study?

- The accounting environment
- Introduction to bookkeeping
- Introduction to control processes
- Preparation of financial statements
- Accounting for end of period adjustments



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International GCSE: Business subjects

International GCSE (9-1) Economics

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Economics qualification aims to extend students' knowledge by broadening and deepening their skills. Students will read sources to interpret and evaluate economic information, develop an understanding of economic concepts and apply these concepts to real-life situations.

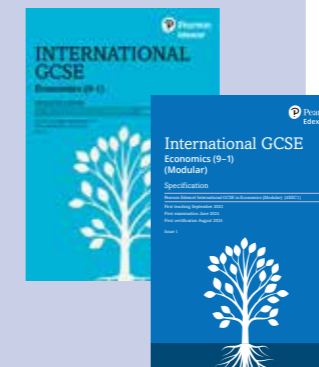
Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular).

There are two examination papers, Paper 1: Microeconomics and Business Economics and Paper 2: Macroeconomics and the Global Economy.

Onscreen assessment is available for this qualification as an alternative assessment format.

What will you study?

- The market system
- Business economics
- Government and the economy
- The global economy



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International GCSE (9-1) Commerce

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Commerce qualification is designed to extend students' knowledge by broadening and deepening skills. Students will read sources to interpret and evaluate business information, write extended responses, respond appropriately to a range of question types, and develop an understanding of commercial concepts and apply these concepts to real life situations.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular).

There are two papers, Paper 1: Commercial Operations and associated risks, and Paper 2: Facilitating commercial operations.

What will you study?

- Commercial Operations
- Commercial Risk
- Finance for Commerce
- Aids for Commerce



International GCSE: English

International GCSE (9-1) English Language A

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) English A qualification features a relevant, up-to-date and engaging selection of texts ranging from British heritage to modern international and builds a foundation for students wishing to progress to Pearson Edexcel International A Level (IAL®) in English Language, or equivalent qualifications.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular).

There are two exam papers, or one mandatory exam paper and a choice of an additional examined or non-examined assessment. Students may also take an optional spoken language endorsement.

Onscreen assessment is available for this qualification as an alternative assessment format.

What will you study?

- Non-fiction texts and transactional writing
- Poetry and prose text and imaginative writing
- Spoken language (optional)



International GCSE (9-1) English Language B

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) English B qualification aims to extend students' knowledge by broadening and deepening their skills in reading and responding to materials from a variety of sources, making comparisons between texts and analysing how writers achieve their effects and construct and convey meaning in written language.

There is one examination paper. Students may also take an optional spoken language endorsement.

What will you study?

- Reading and analysing selections from a range of texts
- Exploring and developing transactional writing skills
- Exploring and developing discursive, narrative, and descriptive writing skills



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International GCSE: English

International GCSE (9-1) English Literature

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) English Literature qualification is designed to extend students' knowledge by broadening and deepening their skills to read and respond to a wide range of literary texts from around the world. They will develop an appreciation of the ways in which authors use literary effects and the skills needed for literary study and explore authors' use of language to create effects and find enjoyment in reading literature.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular).

There is one mandatory exam paper and a choice of an additional examined or non-examined assessment.

Onscreen assessment is available for this qualification as an alternative assessment format.

What will you study?

- Poetry and modern prose
- Modern drama and literary heritage texts



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International GCSE (9-1) English as a Second Language

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) English as a Second Language qualification is designed for students obtaining their education through English as a medium of instruction or for students studying English in order to enhance their future educational or employment prospects. Achievement in this qualification is benchmarked against the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

There are four examination papers.

Onscreen assessment will be available for this qualification as an alternative assessment format from 2025.

What will you study?

- Reading
- Writing
- Listening
- Speaking



International GCSE: Maths

International GCSE (9-1) Mathematics A

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Maths A qualification is designed to extend students' knowledge by broadening and deepening their mathematical skills, developing problem-solving skills by translating problems in mathematical or non-mathematical contexts, developing reasoning skills by presenting arguments and proofs and making deductions and drawing conclusions from mathematical information.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular). There is a Foundation and Higher tier for this qualification and two equally weighted examination papers per tier.

What will you study?

- Numbers and the number system
- Equations, formulae and identities
- Sequences, functions and graphs
- Geometry and trigonometry
- Vectors and transformation geometry
- Statistics and probability



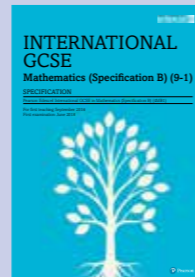
International GCSE (9-1) Mathematics B

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Maths B qualification is designed to be closer to a more traditionally structured Mathematics curriculum.

There is a Higher tier only, consisting of two examination papers. The first is 1.5 hours in length with shorter questions, the second is 2.5 hours in length with more in-depth questions.

What will you study?

- Number
- Sets
- Algebra
- Functions
- Matrices
- Geometry
- Mensuration
- Vectors and transformation geometry
- Trigonometry
- Statistics and probability



International GCSE: Maths

International GCSE (9-1) Further Pure Maths

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Further Pure Mathematics qualification is designed to stretch and challenge high-achieving students and enable them to gain an additional maths qualification. It extends and deepens knowledge covered in the Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Mathematics A specification.

There are two examination papers.

What will you study?

- Number
- Algebra and calculus
- Geometry and trigonometry



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International GCSE: Sciences

International GCSE (9-1) Biology

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Biology qualification is designed to engage students and give them skills that will support progression to further study in biology and a range of other subjects, in biological sciences and elsewhere.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular).

There are two examination papers.

What will you study?

- The nature and variety of living organisms
- Structures and functions in living organisms
- Reproduction and inheritance
- Ecology and the environment
- Use of biological resources



International GCSE (9-1) Chemistry

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Chemistry qualification is designed to engage students and give them skills that will support progression to further study in chemistry and a range of other subjects, in chemical sciences and elsewhere.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular).

There are two examination papers.

What will you study?

- Principles of chemistry
- Inorganic chemistry
- Physical chemistry
- Organic chemistry



International GCSE: Sciences

International GCSE (9-1) Physics

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Physics qualification is designed to engage students and give them skills that will support their progression to further study in physics, physical science and other related subjects. It includes an exciting new Astrophysics topic.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular).

There are two examination papers.

What will you study?

- Forces and motion
- Electricity
- Waves
- Energy resources and energy transfers
- Solids, liquids and gases
- Magnetism and electromagnetism
- Radioactivity and particles
- Astrophysics



International GCSE (9-1) Science (Double Award)

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Science (Double Award) qualification is for students who wish to study all three sciences but in the curriculum time of two International GCSEs. Students study two-thirds of the content of each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics International GCSE, are assessed separately on the three sciences, and are awarded two International GCSE grades in Science.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular). If students take a linear assessment approach, there are three exams. If they take a modular assessment approach, there are six shorter exams.

What will you study?

- See Biology, Chemistry and Physics sections for the list of topics.



International GCSE: Sciences

International GCSE (9-1) Science (Single Award)

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Science (Single Award) qualification is for students who wish to study all three sciences but in the curriculum time of one International GCSE. Students study one-third of the content of each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics International GCSE, are assessed separately on the three sciences, and are awarded one International GCSE grade in Science.

There are three examination papers. Paper 1: Biology, Paper 2: Chemistry, and Paper 3: Physics.

What will you study?

- See Biology, Chemistry and Physics sections for the list of topics.



International GCSE (9-1) Human Biology

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Human Biology qualification equips students with a comprehensive understanding of human biology, enabling them to apply biological principles in diverse contexts, develop practical skills within ethical boundaries, critically evaluate information, and effectively communicate findings, preparing them for further studies in biology and related fields like health and social care.

There are two examination papers.

What will you study?

- Cells and tissues
- Biological molecules
- Movement of substances in and out of cells
- Bones, muscles and joints
- Coordination
- Nutrition and energy
- Respiration
- Gas exchange
- Internal transport
- Homeostatic mechanisms
- Reproduction and heredity
- Disease



International GCSE: IT

International GCSE (9-1) Computer Science

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Computer Science qualification is designed to provide students with the opportunity to operate confidently in today's digital world and apply computational thinking in context. They will be encouraged to design, implement and test programs that provide solutions to problems, helping prepare them for higher education where practical knowledge and experience will be required.

There are two examination papers, Paper 1: Principles of Computer Science and Paper 2: Application of computational thinking. Paper 2 is carried out on a computer system using a programming language of choice.

What will you study?

- Problem solving
- Programming
- Data
- Computers
- Communication and the internet
- The bigger picture



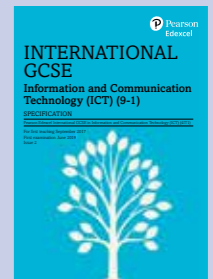
International GCSE (9-1) ICT

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) ICT qualification provides students with the opportunity of operating confidently in today's digital world. It is a useful, practical qualification which will provide skills needed in further education and work.

There are two examinations. One is a written paper, and the other, a practical assignment.

What will you study?

- Digital Devices
- Connectivity
- Operating Online
- Online Goods and Services
- Applying Information and Communication Technology
- Software Skills



International GCSE: Humanities

International GCSE (9-1) Geography

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Geography qualification aims to extend students' knowledge by broadening and deepening skills. Students will develop and apply a holistic range of knowledge and understanding of geographical concepts and skills, including fieldwork. They will present and analyse data, draw conclusions and evaluate information from different sources, and develop awareness of global issues and challenges.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular). There are two papers: Paper 1: Physical Geography, and Paper 2: Human Geography

Onscreen assessment will be available for this qualification as an alternative to the current assessment format from May 2025.

What will you study?

- Physical geography
- Human geography



International GCSE (9-1) History

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) History qualification aims to extend learners' knowledge and understanding by broadening and deepening skills. Students will explain, analyse and make judgements about historical events and periods studied using second order historical concepts. They will use a range of source material to comprehend, interpret and cross-refer sources, and analyse and evaluate historical interpretations in the context of historical events studied.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular). There are two papers: Paper 1: Depth Studies, and Paper 2: Investigation and Breadth Studies.

Onscreen assessment is available for this qualification as an alternative to the current assessment format.

What will you study?

- Selected periods and/or aspects of history
- Historical sources
- How to organise and communicate knowledge
- Making historical judgements



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International GCSE: Humanities and Art

International GCSE (9-1) Global Citizenship

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Global Citizenship qualification is designed to help students develop an understanding of key changes affecting societies across the world, enabling them to have a global outlook and understand diverse points of view. It will support them to become global citizens and understand how they can affect positive change, and is ideal for students who are internationally mobile or wish to study and work in fields that require a global outlook.

There is one examination paper.

What will you study?

- Politics and governance
- Economic development and the environment
- Culture and community
- Technology



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International GCSE (9-1) Art and Design

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Art and Design qualification allows students to gain awareness of the purposes, intentions and functions of art, craft and design, use creativity and imagination to express individual thoughts, develop and refine original ideas from initiation to realisation, critically analyse their own work and the work of others, and build confidence to take risks, experiment and learn from mistakes.

There are two components: Component 1: Personal Portfolio, and Component 2: Externally-set Assignment. Students choose one title (see below) and work in the same title for both components.

What will you study?

One of five titles:

- Fine Art
- Graphic Communication
- Photography
- Textile Design
- Three-dimensional Design



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