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Dear Colleague,

Department for Education announcement about Level 1/Level 2 Certificates

Earlier this year, Nick Gibb (Minister of State for School Reform) announced that it won't be possible to redevelop the current Level 1/Level 2 Certificates in English Language and English Literature for inclusion in performance tables from 2017 onwards.

What does this mean for the Edexcel Certificates in English Language and Literature?

Once the Edexcel Certificates no longer count in performance measures, they will also cease to attract funding. As a result, the qualifications can no longer be offered to schools and we are therefore **withdrawing all our Edexcel Certificate qualifications**.

This means that:

- **Final examination** of the current Edexcel Certificates in English will take place in summer 2016.
- **Final recognition** of Edexcel Certificate results in performance tables for English will be in summer 2016.
- There will be **no opportunity** for students to sit Edexcel Certificate examinations in English in January 2017.
- From **summer 2017 onwards**, only the **new GCSE (9-1) qualifications in English** will count in performance tables.

We'll support you every step of the way

This decision will come as a disappointment to many of you who've enjoyed teaching the Edexcel Certificates in English. We will, of course, support you with your choices going forward and give you any advice or help you may need. Simply get in touch with Clare Haviland (your English Subject Advisor) using one of the following options:

- **Email:** TeachingEnglish@pearson.com
- **Phone:** 0844 372 2188
- **Web:** qualifications.pearson.com/en/subjects/english.html

Learning more about the new GCSE (9-1) qualifications in English

Much of what you've told us you like about the Edexcel Certificates in English was drawn upon in the design of our new GCSEs. To discover more about the new GCSE (9-1) qualifications in English, visit qualifications.pearson.com/englishgcse2015. Here, you'll find the latest news and details of how you can explore the new qualifications your students may go on to take.

Yours faithfully,



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