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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 Certificate in History for inclusion in performance tables from 2018 onwards.

What does this mean for the Edexcel Certificate in History?

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 Certificate in History will take place in summer 2017.
- **Final recognition** of Edexcel Certificate results in performance tables for History will be in summer 2017.
- There will be **no opportunity** for students to sit Edexcel Certificate examinations for History in summer 2018.
- From **summer 2018 onwards**, only **GCSE qualifications in History** 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 Certificate in History. 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 Mark Battye (your History Subject Advisor) using one of the following options:

- **Email:** TeachingHistory@Pearson.com
- **Phone:** 0844 576 0034
- **Web:** www.edexcel.com/History

Learning more about the new GCSE (9-1) qualification in History

To discover more about the new GCSE (9-1) qualification in History, visit www.edexcel.com/gcsehistory16. Here, you'll find the latest news and details of how you can explore the new qualification your students may go on to take.

Yours faithfully,

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