

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 Chinese for inclusion in performance tables from 2019 onwards.

What does this mean for the Edexcel Certificate in Chinese?

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 Chinese will take place in summer 2018.
- **Final recognition** of Edexcel Certificate results in performance tables for Chinese will be in summer 2018.
- There will be **no opportunity** for students to sit Edexcel Certificate examinations for Chinese in January 2019.
- From **summer 2019 onwards**, only **GCSE qualifications in Chinese** 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 Chinese, and much of what you have told us you like about it will be drawn upon as we design our new GCSE. 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 Alistair Drewery (your Languages Subject Advisor) using one of the following options:

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