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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 Mathematics for inclusion in performance tables from 2017 onwards.

What does this mean for the Edexcel Certificate in Mathematics?

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 Mathematics will take place in summer 2016.
- **Final recognition** of Edexcel Certificate results in performance tables for Mathematics will be in summer 2016.
- There will be **no opportunity** for students to sit Edexcel Certificate examinations for Mathematics in January 2017.
- From **summer 2017 onwards**, only the **new GCSE (9-1) qualification in Mathematics** 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 Mathematics. 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 me at The Mathematics Emporium using one of the following options:

- **Email:** TeachingMaths@pearson.com
- **Phone:** 0844 463 2931
- **Web:** www.edexcel.com/mathematics

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

To discover more about the new GCSE (9-1) qualification in Mathematics, visit www.edexcel.com/MathsGCSE15. 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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