

# The latest news on GCSE and GCE A level reform

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## Keeping you informed

There have been a number of announcements recently from the English Department for Education concerning the reform of Ofqual (Office of Qualifications and Examination Regulation in England) regulated GCSE and GCE A level qualifications.

## GCSE reform

- New GCSEs in English literature, English language and Mathematics, to be introduced for first teaching from September 2015.
- These GCSEs will have new content, be linear in structure and will be assessed and graded differently from the current GCSEs. The new grading scale will be 1-9, with 9 being the top level.
- New GCSEs in other subjects will be introduced from 2016.

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## GCE A level reform

- 14 new GCE A levels will be developed for 2015, for first assessment in 2017. These GCE A levels are to be fully linear with more synoptic assessment.
- AS levels to be stand alone qualifications for first teaching from September 2015. AS levels will no longer contribute to a GCE A level grade. Their purpose will be to encourage curriculum breadth and they will remain broadly at their current standard.



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## Free online feedback events: January 2014 IAL exams

We're running free online feedback sessions for the January 2014 IAL exam series during April and May, giving you the chance to consider exam performance, discuss examiner reports, consider delivery strategies, share good practice and ask questions.

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## Rod Bristow responds to Ofqual review of marking

Ofqual recently concluded its review of the marking of exams for A levels, GCSEs and other academic qualifications. Our UK MD (at the time), Rod Bristow, has commented on the findings of the review and Pearson's role in the quality of marking.

[Read comments and access the report](#)



## Video highlights of another exciting year for Pearson

2013 was another big year for education around the world and Pearson's role in it. The Pearson blog team has put together six videos that illustrate some of the most exciting things Pearson did in 2013.

[Take a look at the videos](#)



# An introduction to the Pearson Think Tank

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