

Edexcel International Update

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Welcome to the first monthly Edexcel International Update newsletter.

Keeping you informed every step of the way

Based on your feedback, we have created this newsletter to keep you up-to-date with the very latest news about Edexcel qualifications, including: the newly reformed GCSEs and GCE A Levels, International Advanced Levels, International GCSE and our Primary and Lower Secondary Curriculum.

From the availability of specifications, to training programmes and educational resources, the newsletter will make key information available to you as quickly as possible. Find out the latest news below.

GCSE and GCE A Level reform

Edexcel 2015 GCSE and GCE A Level subject support

To support you deliver the new Edexcel 2015 GCSE and GCE A Level subjects with confidence, we are running a series of **free online "getting ready to teach" training events** over the coming months. The events will be led by a subject expert and provide an overview of the structure, content and assessment of the new qualifications and support available to you.

To find out more and book your place, [please visit our website](#).

We also have a range of online **support materials available** to guide you through the changes, including:

Edexcel
2015
GCSE

"Assessment at a glance – Edexcel (9-1) GCSE English Language" information sheet for schools

"Assessment at a glance – Edexcel (9-1) GCSE English Literature" information

June 2015 **"Guide to GCSE Maths reforms"** booklet for schools

Edexcel
2015
GCE A
Level

A level subject guides for:

Biology,
Business,
Economics A,
Economics and Business,
English Language,
English Language and Literature,
English Literature,
History
and **Physics**.

To keep up to date with the latest news about GCSE and GCE A level reform, we advise you to bookmark the following web pages:

[Edexcel 2015 GCSE](#)

[Edexcel 2015 GCE A level](#)

International
Advanced Levels

New subjects for first teaching in September 2015

In December 2014, we announced that we are developing four brand new Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) qualifications for first teaching in September 2015 and first assessment in June 2016, in the following subjects:

- English Language
- English Literature
- History
- Psychology

Draft specifications for these subjects will be available on our website from April 2015. In addition, our current IALs in Chemistry and Physics are also being updated to include optional externally marked practical tests. This option will be available for first assessment in June 2016.

To support you to deliver these new and updated IAL qualifications, we will provide free subject specific training events from May 2015 onwards and will be in touch to confirm training dates in due course.

IAL Accounting and Law update

We are pleased to announce that new IAL Accounting and Law specifications and sample assessment materials (SAMs) will be available to download from our website in February 2015. From March this year, we will send printed copies of both the new specification and SAMs to international schools that offer these qualifications.

Free online "getting ready to teach" training events to support the effective delivery of the new IAL Accounting and Law specifications will run from April 2015 onwards. We will be in touch with you once training dates and times have been finalised.

International GCSE

Recently, we announced our intention to update the Edexcel International GCSE qualification suite. The aim of the redevelopment is to ensure we retain the best elements of the current qualifications and that the content, assessment and grading structure are even more suited to the needs of international learners.

Our plan is to redevelop International GCSE subjects in two phases. Phase 1 subjects would be available for first teaching in September 2016, with phase 2 subjects ready for first teaching in September 2017.

The subjects we plan to include in phase 1 of the redevelopment are: Mathematics and Further Pure Mathematics, Sciences, English Language, English Literature, English as a Second Language, Chinese, French, German, Spanish, Geography and History.

International GCSE subject expert panel – phase 1

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you and teachers at your school to take part in our International GCSE subject expert panel for phase 1 subjects. The panel is an online forum, where you will be able to actively contribute to all aspects of the new qualifications including: the assessment model, content topics, grading structure and subject aims.

Subject expert panel participants will have an exclusive first view of the new qualifications and as a consequence, be able to provide meaningful feedback that will inform the final specifications and SAMs.

If you would like to take part in the International GCSE subject expert panel for phase 1 subjects, please send your name, centre name, centre number and email address to internationalqualifications@pearson.com

International GCSE subject expert panel – phase 2

Towards the end of this year, we will confirm the subjects we plan to include in phase 2 of the International GCSE redevelopment. We will then invite you to participate in the International GCSE subject expert panel for phase 2 subjects.

To confirm, the planned redevelopment of our International GCSEs will have no impact on current versions of the qualifications. They will continue to operate as they are for the foreseeable future.

Contact us

If you have any questions you can:



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Key information for international centres:



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Key Dates