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Dear Head of Accounting,

Edexcel International Advanced Level in Accounting - redevelopment update

We contacted you in June to inform you of the Edexcel International Advanced Level in Accounting qualification redevelopment, for first teaching in September 2015. I am writing now to update you on the development progress so far.

New Specification and Sample Assessment Material

Draft specification and draft Sample Assessment Material will be available for you to download from our website from the middle of February 2015.

New Question Paper structure

As part of the review of the qualification, we have made a slight amendment to Section A of the Question Paper in both Unit 1 and Unit 2. In this section, students will now answer 2 compulsory questions. This is to ensure that all students have similar and comparable experience of the paper to further support our robust awarding process and that we maintain comparability with other international qualifications in the subject. All other parts of the assessment remain the same.

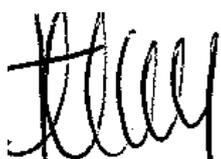
	Current International Advanced Level Accounting Specification	New International Advanced Level Accounting Specification
Section A	Option of 2 questions	2 compulsory questions

Unit 1	Section A	out of 3	2 compulsory questions
	Section B	Option of 3 questions out of 4	Option of 3 questions out of 4
Unit 2	Section A	Option of 2 questions out of 3	2 compulsory questions
	Section B	Option of 3 questions out of 4	Option of 3 questions out of 4

Please make a note of the key dates detailed below, which we sent to you in June.

If you have any questions about any of these developments, please contact your local representative in the first instance.

Yours faithfully



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Date	Current International Advanced Level Accounting Specification	New International Advanced Level Accounting Specification
September 2014	Final cohort recruitment for 2-year course	
January 2015	January examination series	N/A

	AS & A2	
June 2015	June examination series AS & A2	N/A
September 2015		1st teaching of new Accounting specification
January 2016	January examination series AS & A2	N/A
June 2016	June examination series AS (Final examinations) & A2	1st AS examination of new specification
January 2017	Final A2 examination only No AS examinations	AS examination only
June 2017	N/A	1st A2 examination of new specification

Centres that teach these courses as a 1-year programme may continue to do so using the appropriate specification and bearing in mind the key assessment dates detailed in this update.

If you have any questions relating to this redevelopment please contact your local representative.