

**Pearson Qualifications International**

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Dear Head of Centre,

Edexcel International Advanced Level update

In September 2013, we launched a new suite of Edexcel International Advanced Level qualifications. Designed for the global learner, we developed these qualifications to provide you with the flexibility to teach a modular A level that is 100% externally assessed, with exams in both January and June. Recognised by universities across the globe, our International Advanced Level qualifications have proven to be extremely popular with international schools and students.

Your feedback

To build on the success of our International Advanced Level qualification suite, customer feedback has consistently confirmed the importance of growing the portfolio to include a wider range of subjects. This is to enable international schools to offer a comprehensive and coherent curriculum supported by International Advanced Level qualifications, which must include the subjects most commonly required by local and international universities for acceptance on to degree level programmes.

New Edexcel International Advanced Level qualifications for September 2015

We have consulted with many of you to understand your needs and the new subjects you are looking for in the International Advanced Level suite. As a result of your feedback, we are delighted to announce that we are developing four brand new qualifications for first teaching in September 2015, based on your priorities and requirements, in the following subjects:

- Edexcel International Advanced Level in English Language
- Edexcel International Advanced Level in English Literature
- Edexcel International Advanced Level in History
- Edexcel International Advanced Level in Psychology

In addition, from September 2015 onwards we will offer optional practical tests in both International Advanced Level Chemistry and Physics qualifications.

The development process

As a core part of the development process, we will ensure that these qualifications have an increased international focus, allowing for learning in a local context, and that they:

- **Provide seamless progression to the world's best universities.** Created in consultation with world-leading Higher-Education Institutions, these new qualifications will provide students with access local and international universities.
- **Are developed to Pearson's world-class qualifications standards.** Shaped by education experts from around the world, Pearson's world-class standards mean that all qualifications are developed to be rigorous, demanding, inclusive and empowering. Working collaboratively with our expert panel of educational thought-leaders and Pearson's technical qualification and assessment expert groups, we can ensure our International Advanced Levels are globally relevant, represent world-class best practice and maintain a consistent standard.
- **Are designed for the unique needs of international schools and students.** These qualifications are 100% externally assessed and have a flexible, modular structure with exams in January and June.
- **Make learners' and teachers' lives easier.** We will have all of the resources and training programmes in place to support you to deliver these new qualifications with confidence from September 2015 onwards.

In terms of the development timeline, we aim to have draft Specifications available for you to download from our website in April 2014, followed by Sample Assessment Materials in May 2014. In addition, we also plan to continue to add more subjects to the International Advanced Level qualification portfolio further in the future, in consultation with you.

How you can continue to contribute

If you and your teaching team would like to actively contribute to the ongoing development of these new qualifications, including reviewing and providing feedback on draft Specifications and Sample Assessment Materials, [please click here and sign up to take part in our online consultation expert community.](#)

Keeping you informed every step of the way

From the availability of Specifications, to training programmes and educational resources, we will make key information available to you as quickly as possible. By establishing a continual dialogue with you throughout qualification development and launch, we aim to support you deliver these new International Advanced Level subjects with ease in September 2015. To subscribe to our International Advanced Level e-newsletter, please email:

internationalqualifications@pearson.com

Edexcel International Advanced Levels in Accounting and Law update

As communicated to you previously, we are also in the process of updating the International Advanced Level Accounting and Law specifications for first teaching in September 2015. This is to ensure that the content is up-to-date and reflects the latest thinking in each of these subject areas. Draft specification and Sample Assessment Materials will be available for you to download from our website in February 2015.

Next steps

This is an exciting time in terms of growing the International Advanced Level suite of qualifications. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with you on the design and development of these qualifications so they are even more suited to your needs and those of your learners.

Yours faithfully,

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