

# Edexcel International Update

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Welcome to the **August edition** of the **Edexcel International Update newsletter**.

## Keeping you informed every step of the way

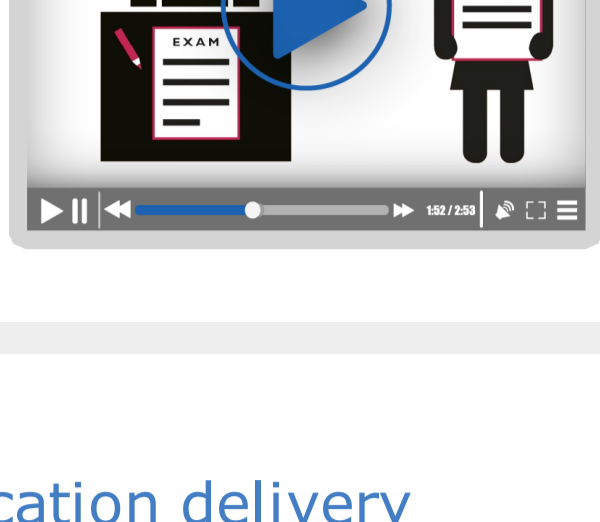
This edition brings you updates about Edexcel qualifications for international schools, including: International Advanced Levels, GCSE and GCE A level reform, International GCSE and the Primary and Lower Secondary Curricula. It also provides information about our team of Subject Advisors, who are on hand to answer your questions, gives you access to free marketing materials designed to support your student recruitment efforts and includes links to two new education insight blogs from Pearson. Read the latest news below.

**We encourage you to share this newsletter with all teachers at your school.**

## Results day 2015 congratulations

Congratulations to all students who received their Edexcel GCSE A level, International Advanced Level (IAL), GCSE and International GCSE results this month! We wish your students the very best of luck with their next steps. If you are interested to find out more about how our grade boundaries are set and the qualification awarding process, you can watch our new **informational video**.

We are proud of the fact that our exam marking processes have been shown to produce exceptionally reliable results, with the fewest grade changes on re-marking of the leading UK awarding organisations over the past 2 years – demonstrating that at every stage, **Edexcel qualifications maintain the highest standards**.



## Subject Advisors - supporting you with qualification delivery

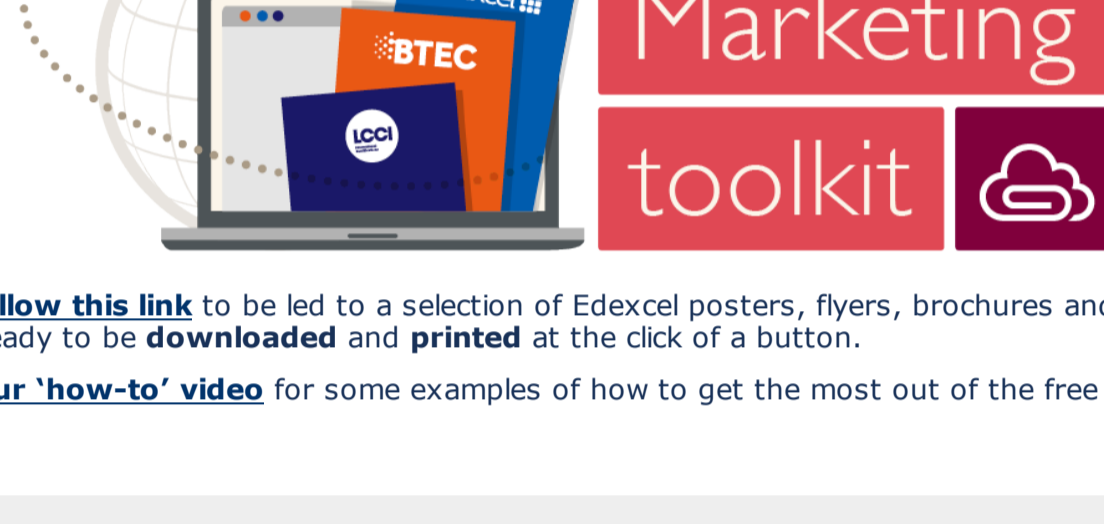
We wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to our team of specialist **Subject Advisors**. They are on hand to offer fast, reliable, expert advice for each subject, supporting all Edexcel qualifications. Find your Subject Advisors contact details below.

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## Supporting your student recruitment

**Download free marketing material to use in your schools**

We are excited about the launch of the **NEW school marketing toolkit** this month, which includes authorised and downloadable marketing material to support you in recruiting new candidates and promoting Edexcel qualifications.



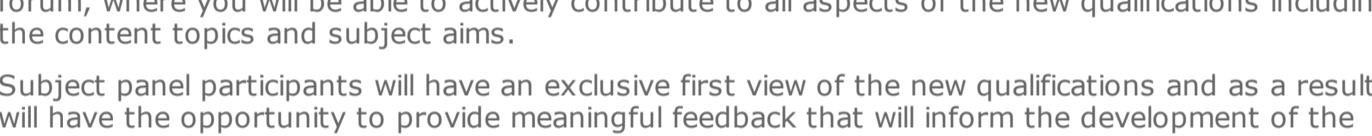
Simply **follow this link** to be led to a selection of Edexcel posters, flyers, brochures and much more – ready to be **downloaded** and **printed** at the click of a button.

**Watch our 'how-to' video** for some examples of how to get the most out of the free material available.

## International Advanced Levels

**New subjects for first teaching in September 2016**

We are delighted to announce that we are developing **new International Advanced Level (IAL) qualifications for first teaching in September 2016**, in the following subject areas:



First assessment for these subjects will be in 2017 for the International Advanced Subsidiary (IAS) Award and in 2018 for the International Advanced Level (IAL) Award.

We would like to take this opportunity to **invite** you and teachers at your school to **take part in our IAL online subject expert panels** for these new qualifications. The panels are an online forum, where you will be able to actively contribute to all aspects of the new qualifications including the content topics and subject aims.

Subject panel participants will have an exclusive first view of the new qualifications and as a result, will have the opportunity to provide meaningful feedback that will inform the development of the final specifications and Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs). **To sign up to take part in the online subject expert panels, please complete this online form.**

**Update on new subjects for first teaching in September 2015**

A reminder that specifications and SAMs for each new IAL subject (first teaching in September 2015) are now available to download from our website here:

- IAL [English Language](#) (2015)
- IAL [English Literature](#) (2015)
- IAL [History](#) (2015)
- IAL [Psychology](#) (2015)

Mapping guides that highlight new international content in comparison to GCE 2008 and GCE 2015 equivalent specifications are available on our website for each IAL 2015 subject:



'Getting Started' guides will be available next month for each 2015 IAL specification, the guides include Schemes of Work to support you with curriculum planning and delivery.

From September this year, we will run free online and face to face 'Getting Ready to Teach' events. These events are designed to further support you to effectively deliver the 2015 IAL specifications. Please see below for the dates and times of some of these sessions. We are in the process of organising more events for September onwards.

Date	Event	Time	Location
28/09/15	History	All day	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
30/09/15	History	All day	Madrid, Spain
26/10/15	English Language and English Literature	All day	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
06/11/15	English Language and English Literature	All day	Madrid, Spain

**Book your place today!**

### IAL Accounting and Law update

Updated IAL [Accounting](#) and [Law](#) specifications are also available for first teaching from this September. A reminder of key dates for the 2013 and new 2015 IAL Accounting and Law specifications are outlined in the table below.

Date	2013 IAL Accounting specification (outgoing specification, the information below is only for those who started teaching the qualification before September 2015)	2015 IAL Accounting specification (new)
September 2015	N/A	First teaching
January 2016	January exam series – AS and A2	N/A
June 2016	June exam series AS (final exams) & A2 exam series	First AS exam series for the new specification
January 2017	Final A2 exam series only (no AS exams)	AS exam only
June 2017	N/A	First A2 exam series for the new specification

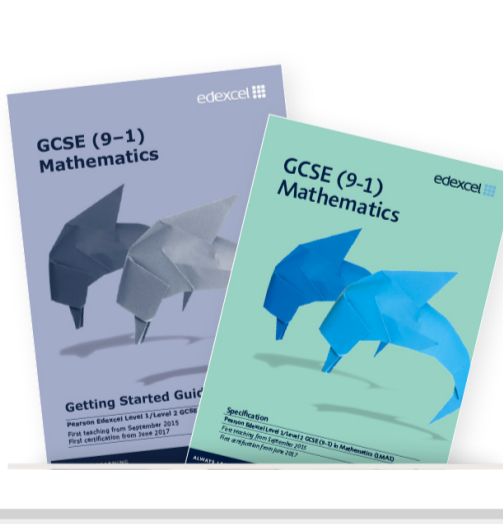
Date	2013 IAL Law specification (outgoing specification, the information below is only for those who started teaching the qualification before September 2015)	2015 IAL Law specification (new)
September 2015	N/A	First teaching
June 2016	Final assessment of the specification	N/A
June 2017	N/A	First assessment of the new specification

## GCSE and GCE A Level reform

**Teaching support for the new Edexcel 2015 GCSEs and GCE A Levels**

We have developed a comprehensive range of **free teaching materials for the new Edexcel 2015 GCSE and GCE A level qualifications**, including free course planners, Schemes of Work, 'Getting Started' guides, mapping documents, training videos, student guides and more. To see the wealth of support we have available for these qualifications, please [visit our website](#).

We plan to run more online and face to face GCSE and GCE A level 'Getting Ready to Teach' events from this September and will be in touch to confirm the exact dates / times of these sessions soon.



## International GCSE

**Please take part in our online subject expert panels**

We would be grateful if you can continue to **participate in our International GCSE online subject expert panels**. By taking part, you will be able to contribute actively to all aspects of the new qualifications, including the assessment model, content topics, grading structure and subject aims. We've had some fantastic feedback on our current suite of International GCSE qualifications, including the quote on the right from Dan Quinton, a Biology teacher at Caterham School.

The response we have received so far through the online subject expert panels has highlighted that International GCSEs are valued and respected by teachers and learners across the world. Your continued feedback is invaluable; as it will help us make sure that any updates to International GCSEs best suit the needs of schools and students.

To **sign up to take part in the online subject expert panels, please complete this online form**.



## Primary and Lower Secondary Curricula

**Curriculum update**

As mentioned in **last month's edition of this newsletter**, we are currently looking at our PLSC offer for international schools and would really appreciate any feedback you may have on how you feel it can be improved. To become part of the discussion please complete this [online form](#).

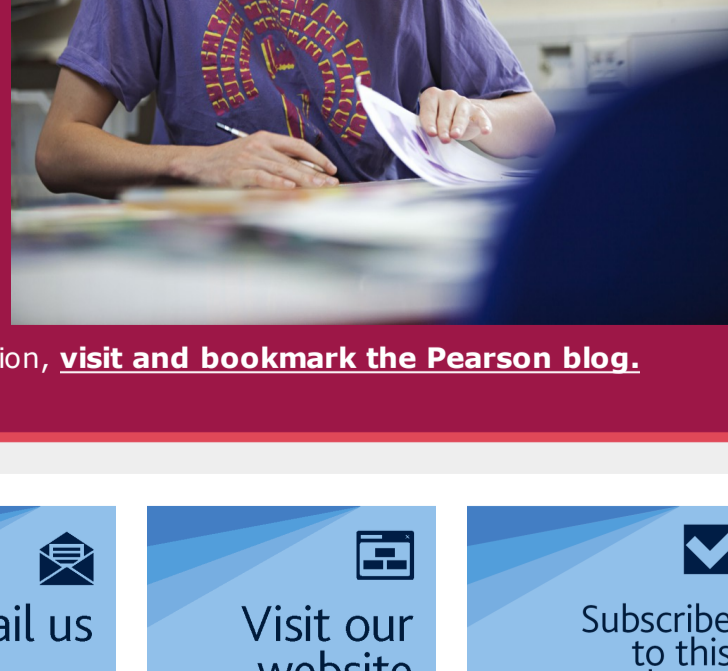


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[It's time to get smarter about exams](#)




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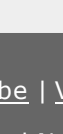

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