

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

Keeping you informed every step of the way

This edition brings you updates about Pearson's Edexcel qualifications for international schools, including: International Advanced Levels, International GCSEs and GCSE and GCE A level reform. It also provides key information about the requirements for conducting Pearson Edexcel exams, an overview of the different communications that you can sign up to and lists all of the teacher training events we are running in May and June this year. Read the latest news below.

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

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GCSE and GCE A Level reform

30 new Edexcel 2016 GCSE and GCE A levels now accredited by Ofqual

We are pleased to announce that **30 new Edexcel 2016 GCSE and GCE A levels** have now been accredited by Ofqual for first assessment in 2018, including all Science and Modern Foreign Language subjects:

Edexcel 2016 GCSEs (9-1)

- GCSE [Art and Design](#)
- GCSE [Biology](#)
- GCSE [Chemistry](#)
- GCSE [Citizenship](#)
- GCSE [Computer Science](#)
- GCSE [Drama](#)
- GCSE [French](#)
- GCSE [Geography A](#)
- GCSE [Geography B](#)
- GCSE [German](#)
- GCSE [History](#)
- GCSE [Music](#)
- GCSE [PE](#)
- GCSE [Physics](#)
- GCSE [Science](#)
- GCSE [Spanish](#)

Edexcel 2016 GCE A levels

- GCE A level [Drama](#)
- GCE AS level [Drama](#)
- GCE A level [French](#)
- GCE AS level [French](#)
- GCE A level [Geography](#)
- GCE AS level [Geography](#)
- GCE A level [German](#)
- GCE AS level [German](#)
- GCE A level [Music](#)
- GCE AS level [Music](#)
- GCE A level [PE](#)
- GCE AS level [PE](#)
- GCE A level [Spanish](#)
- GCE AS level [Spanish](#)

These qualifications are supported by a broad range of teaching and learning materials, including 'Getting Started' guides, course planners and student guides. To find out more, please visit our [website](#).

Consultation outcome: Resits for legacy GCSE, AS and A levels

The Ofqual consultation about proposals for resits in legacy GCSE, AS and A levels that opened in December 2015 has now closed. Ofqual published their response to the consultation on the 23 March 2016, which included the following key points:

1.

Students taking legacy **AS and A levels** in any subject (those that are pre-2015 that have been replaced by new reformed versions in 2015-2017) will have the opportunity to resit in May or June the year after the final scheduled award.

2.

Students taking legacy **GCSEs in English, English language and Mathematics** will get two resit opportunities, one in November 2016 and one in summer 2017.

3.

Students taking legacy **GCSE science** and additional science qualifications will have a resit opportunity no later than summer 2018. Exam boards can decide whether they will offer GCSE resits in Biology, Chemistry and Physics too.

(We are currently looking at whether Pearson will offer these and a decision will be made shortly.)

4.

There will be an opportunity for Exam Boards to offer a single resit opportunity for **all other legacy GCSE subjects** in the year following the last scheduled sitting.

(We are currently looking at which subjects Pearson will offer and a decision will be made shortly.)

5.

Only students who have taken the GCSE qualification previously, or had good reason not to take it such as an illness, will qualify for these resits.

You can read the full response from Ofqual [here](#) and also visit our [website](#) for more information.

If you are interested in teaching Edexcel GCSEs and GCE A levels at your school from September 2016, please complete this [online form](#) and we will be in touch to support you.

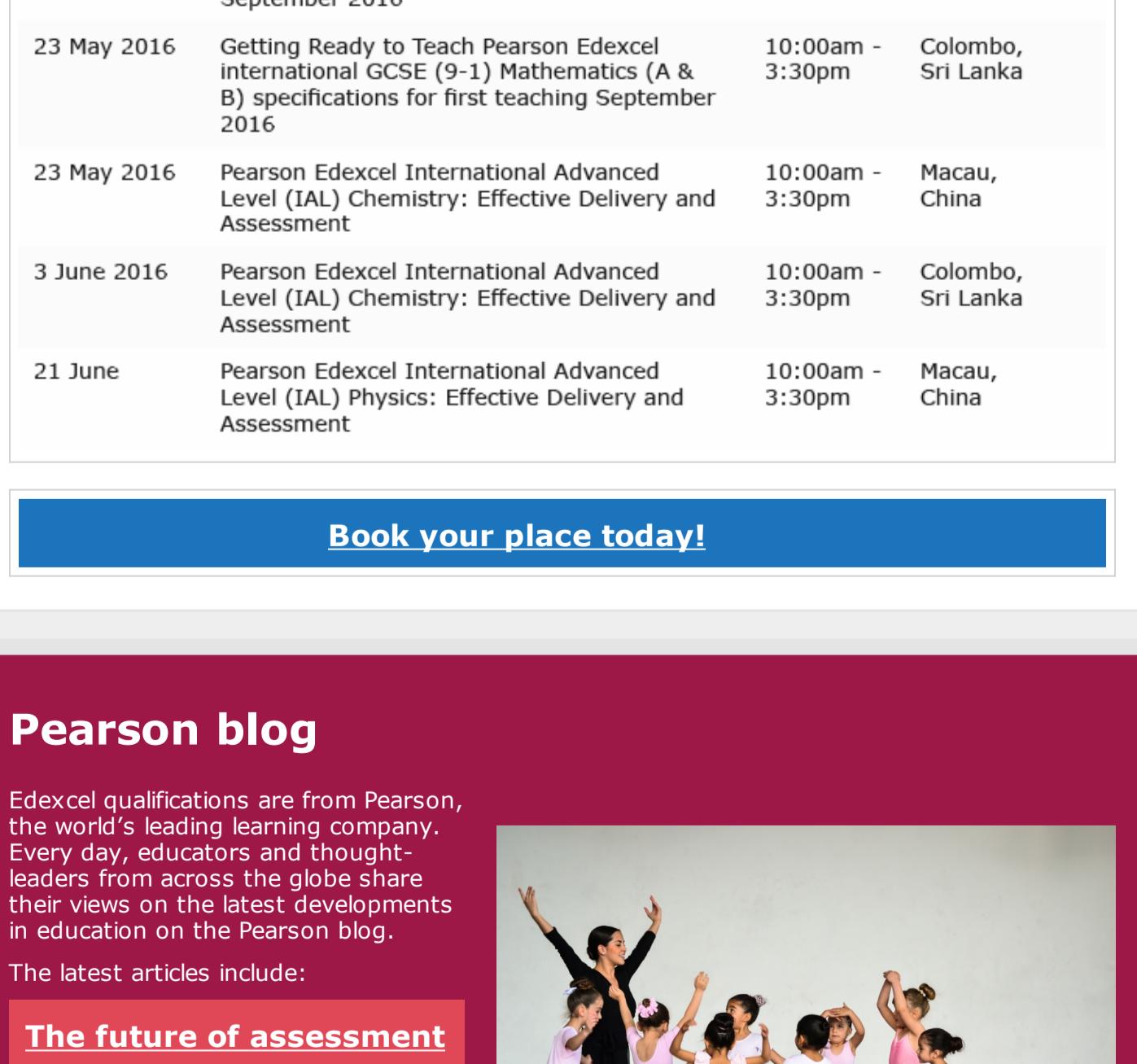
International Advanced Levels and International GCSEs

Seven new Edexcel International Advanced level subjects

for first teaching in September 2015 and 2016

If you are interested in finding out more detailed information about new Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) qualifications for first teaching in 2015 and 2016, please download our [IAL centre guide](#).

The guide outlines the content, structure and assessment model for these qualifications and includes details about support, such as available training and resources, and highlights Edexcel IAL progression pathways to universities across the globe.

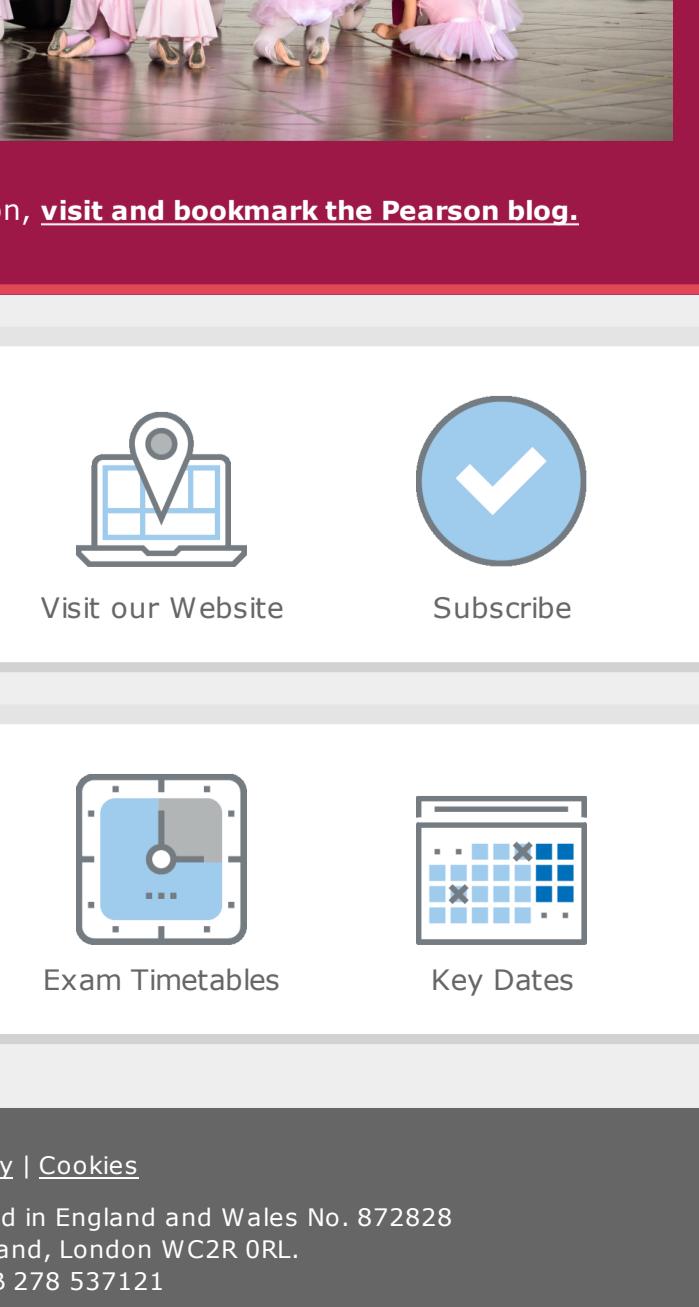


Please take part in our online subject expert panels

Thanks to all of you who have taken part in our Edexcel online subject expert panels so far.

To contribute to the ongoing development of Edexcel IALs and Edexcel 9-1 International GCSEs, including content topics, assessment models and teacher support materials, please sign up to take part in our online subject expert panels by completing this [web form](#).

If you are interested in teaching Edexcel IALs and Edexcel 9-1 International GCSEs at your school from September 2016, please complete this [web form](#) and we will be in touch to support you.



Sign up [here](#) to receive International Exam Officer Updates, a weekly bulletin of important administrative updates, keeping Exams Officers informed.

Sign up [here](#) to receive a copy of the Edexcel Monthly Update e-newsletter directly.

Requirements for conducting Pearson Edexcel exams

Pearson is a UK based awarding organisation that delivers Edexcel examinations to students in the UK and many other countries

To support your school, we would like to conduct you Pearson's Edexcel examinations in 2016 and provide you with access to useful guidance documents. We would be grateful if you can please ensure that all members of staff involved in administering Pearson examinations are familiar with Pearson examinations.

To find our more, [please visit our website](#).

We're continuing to run 'Getting Ready to Teach' and 'Effective Delivery and Assessment' events, which will provide you with an overview of new structures, content, assessment, key changes, planning and teaching approaches. Please see below for the dates and times of these sessions.

Book your place today!

Pearson blog

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[How to make teaching a choice for all](#)

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