



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

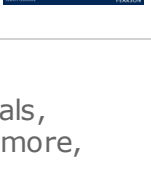
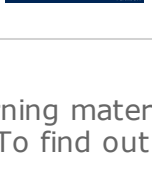
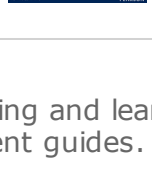
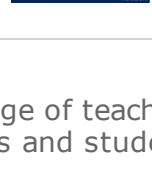
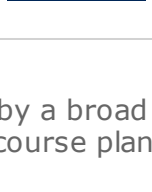
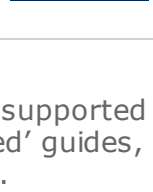
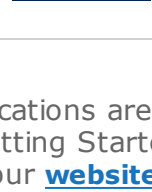
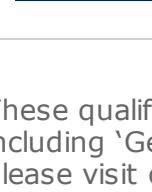
We are pleased to announce that **30 new Edexcel 2016 GCSE and GCE A levels** have now been accredited by Ofqual for first assessment in 2018, including all Science and Modern Foreign Language subjects:

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 new **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.

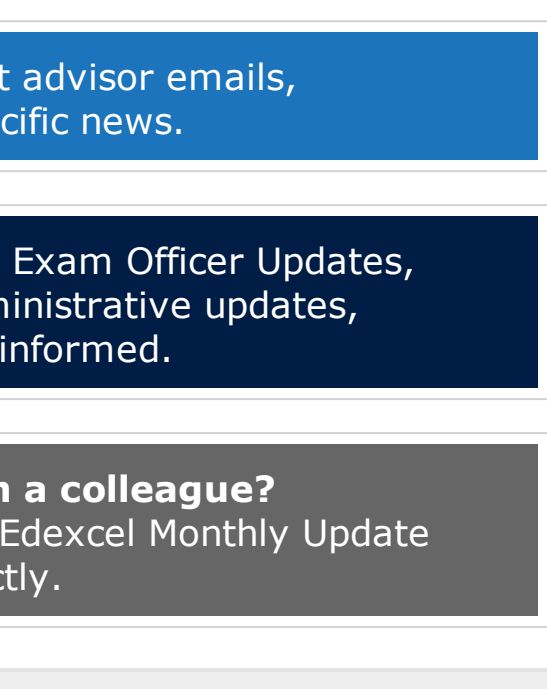


Requirements for conducting Pearson Edexcel exams

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

To support your school, we would like to remind you of the requirements for conducting Pearson 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 Edexcel examinations are familiar with these requirements. To find out more, [please visit our website](#).



Communications overview

At Pearson, we develop and regularly send out a variety of different communications to international schools. To make sure that you are receiving communications relevant to you, please sign up to receive newsletters of interest below.

Sign up [here](#) to receive subject advisor emails, for the latest subject specific news.

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

Receiving this update from a colleague?

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

Teacher training events

We are continuing to run free 'Getting Ready to Teach' and 'Effective delivery and assessment' events, to support you to deliver new and current Edexcel qualifications with confidence. The events will provide an overview of structures, content, assessment, key changes, planning and teaching approaches. Please see below for the dates and times of these sessions.

Date	Event	Time	Location
2 May 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Chemistry: Effective Delivery and Assessment	10:00am – 3:00pm	Riydah, Saudi Arabia
4 May 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Accounting: Effective Delivery and Assessment	10:00am - 3:30pm	Macau, China
6 May 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Mathematics: Effective Delivery and Assessment	9:30am - 3:00pm	Colombo, Sri Lanka
8 May 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Mathematics: Effective Delivery and Assessment	9:30am - 3:00pm	Dhaka, Bangladesh
10 May 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Mathematics: Effective Delivery and Assessment	9:30am - 3:00pm	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
11 May 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Physics: Effective Delivery and Assessment	9:00am - 4:00pm	Manama, Bahrain
12 May 2016	Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel GCSE Art and Design specification for first teaching from September 2016	08:00am – 10:00am	Online
12 May 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Chemistry Effective Delivery and Assessment	9:30am - 3:00pm	Ammam, Jordan
13 May 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Chemistry: Effective Delivery and Assessment	9:30am - 3:00pm	Lusaka, Zambia
14 May 2016	Getting Ready to Teach Pearson's new Edexcel AS and A levels in French	10:00am - 3:30pm	Nicosia, Cyprus
16 May 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Physics: Effective Delivery and Assessment	10:00am - 3:30pm	Colombo, Sri Lanka
16 May 2016	Pearson Edexcel International GCSE Chemistry: Effective Delivery and Assessment	10:00am - 3:30pm	Macau, China
17 May 2016	Getting Ready to Teach Pearson's new Edexcel AS and A levels in MFL (French/German/Spanish) - Teaching and learning strategies for film and literature	8:00am – 10:00am	Online
18 May 2016	Getting Ready to Teach International GCSE (9-1) Mathematics (A & B) specifications for first teaching September 2016	10:00am - 3:30pm	Dhaka, Bangladesh
20 May 2016	Pearson Edexcel International GCSE Mathematics B (current specification): Effective Delivery and Assessment	9:30am - 3:00pm	Yangon, Myanmar
21 May 2016	Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Greek specification for first teaching from September 2016	10:00am - 3:30pm	Nicosia, Cyprus
21 May 2016	Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Mathematics (A & B) specifications for first teaching from September 2016	10:00am - 3:30pm	Dubai, UAE
23 May 2016	Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Mathematics (A & B) specifications for first teaching September 2016	10:00am - 3:30pm	Colombo, Sri Lanka
23 May 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Chemistry: Effective Delivery and Assessment	10:00am - 3:30pm	Macau, China
3 June 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Chemistry: Effective Delivery and Assessment	10:00am - 3:30pm	Colombo, Sri Lanka
21 June	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Physics: Effective Delivery and Assessment	10:00am - 3:30pm	Macau, China

[Book your place today!](#)

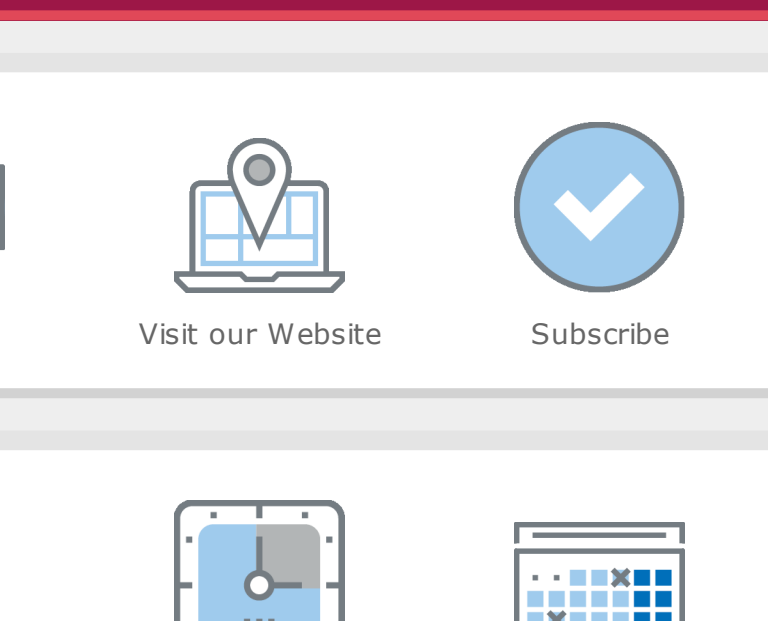
Pearson blog

Edexcel qualifications are from Pearson, the world's leading learning company. Every day, educators and thought-leaders from across the globe share their views on the latest developments in education on the Pearson blog.

The latest articles include:

[The future of assessment](#)

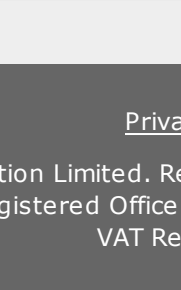
[How to make teaching the career choice for Millennials](#)



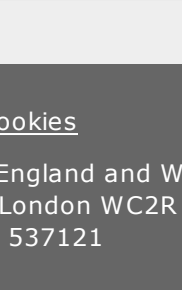
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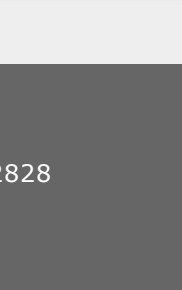
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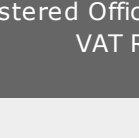
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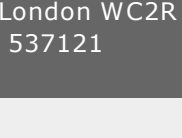
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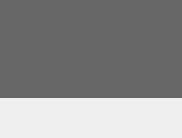
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