

## Edexcel International Update

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Welcome to the **December 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 GCSEs, International Advanced Levels and GCSE and GCE A level reform. It also provides information about our ResultsPlus and ResultsPlus Direct online services and 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.**

## International GCSE

## Edexcel 9-1 International GCSEs from 2016 and 2017

In September, we announced updates to our Edexcel International GCSE qualifications for first teaching in September 2016 and 2017, including the introduction of a **new 9-1 grading scale**, to give the very highest performers the opportunity to achieve a grade 9, rewarding outstanding academic achievement and ensuring comparability to Edexcel GCSEs.

Updated Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE subjects available for optional first teaching in September 2016, with first assessment in May / June 2018 are English Language A, English Language B, English Literature, Mathematics A and Mathematics B.

Last month, we shared the news that some draft sample assessment materials are now available on our website for Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE English subjects. For more information, read our November [communication](#). Please see below for the latest Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE Mathematics A and B qualification update.

## Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE Mathematics A and B from 2016 update

Development of the updated Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE Mathematics A and B qualifications is progressing well. We plan to publish the final Specifications and Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs) for these subjects on our website in February 2016. In the meantime, please find below a summary of qualification updates.

Mathematics A updates	Mathematics B updates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moving from the current A*-G to the new 9-1 grading structure.</li> <li>Some minor additions to the content assessed at each tier to reflect the new 9-1 grading structure.</li> <li>A small increase in the 'number' and 'algebra' assessment objective weighting at the expense of 'statistics'.</li> <li>Additional questions on problem-solving and mathematical reasoning.</li> <li>A revised formulae sheet at each tier.</li> </ul> <p><i>We are not changing how we assess Edexcel International GCSE Mathematics A, which will continue to have two tiers of entry, and two x two-hour calculator papers.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moving from the current A*-G to the new 9-1 grading structure.</li> <li>Clarification points made to the following sections: number, algebra, functions, geometry, vectors and stats and probability but no new content.</li> <li>The formula sheet has had area and circumference of a circle removed so it is comparable to the Maths A higher tier formula sheet.</li> </ul> <p><i>We are not changing how we assess Edexcel International GCSE Mathematics B, which will continue to have one tier of entry and two calculator papers.</i></p>

These updates are intended to ensure that the qualifications remain comparable to the UK reformed Mathematics GCSEs in terms of the level of demand, content and assessment standards. As a result, Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE Mathematics A and B will continue to support progression to further study, including A levels and University programmes.

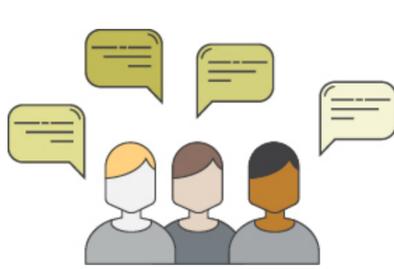
If you have any questions, would like to be kept informed of progress or ensure you receive invitations to launch events next year, please contact [TeachingMaths@pearson.com](mailto:TeachingMaths@pearson.com).

## Please take part in our online subject expert panels

**Thanks again to all of the teachers who have taken part in our online subject expert panels this year.**

We are working hard to ensure that all updated Edexcel International GCSE specifications better meet your needs and those of your learners. Next year, we will consult with the panels to gain further feedback and guidance on our teacher support offer. As such, we would be grateful if you can continue to participate in our online subject expert panels. [To get involved, please complete this online form.](#)

For more information about planned updates to Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE qualifications from 2016 and 2017, including the new 9-1 grading scale, please [visit our website](#), download our new Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE [brochure](#) or read our [frequently asked questions](#) document.

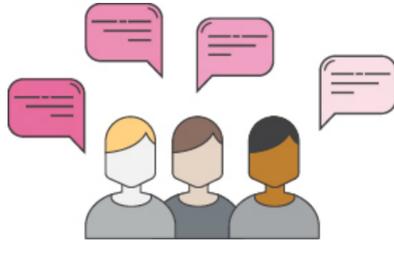


## International Advanced Levels

## Please take part in our online subject expert panels

We recently announced the introduction of an **additional 7 Edexcel IAL subjects** in Applied ICT, Arabic, French, German, Greek, Geography and Spanish for first teaching in September 2016.

If you would like to contribute to the development of these new 2016 qualifications, please complete this [online form](#) to take part in our Edexcel IAL online subject expert panels. The panels are an online forum, where you will be able to help shape the new specifications, by having the opportunity to feedback on key areas including content topics and subject aims.



## GCSE and GCE A Level reform

## Edexcel 2015 GCE A level Biology, Chemistry and Physics practical endorsement reminder

A reminder that if you are delivering Edexcel 2015 GCE A level Biology, Chemistry and Physics qualifications, we would really appreciate it if you are able to complete our online GCE 2015 Science Practical Endorsement [web form](#). We can then ensure your school is registered for the verification visit, which is a compulsory part of the endorsement.

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

We are pleased to announce that **9 new Edexcel 2016 GCSE and GCE A levels** have now been accredited by Ofqual (The Office of Qualifications and Examination Regulation in England) for first assessment in 2018:

<b>Edexcel 2016 GCSEs (9-1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GCSE <a href="#">Art and Design</a></li> <li>GCSE <a href="#">Computer Science</a></li> <li>GCSE <a href="#">Geography A</a></li> <li>GCSE <a href="#">Geography B</a></li> <li>GCSE <a href="#">History</a></li> <li>GCSE <a href="#">Music</a></li> <li>GCSE <a href="#">PE</a></li> </ul>	<b>Edexcel 2016 GCE A levels</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GCE A level <a href="#">Music</a></li> <li>GCE AS level <a href="#">Music</a></li> </ul>
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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](#).

## Dedicated Edexcel 2015 GCSE and GCE A Level free teaching support and resources for all subjects

We have developed a comprehensive range of teaching support materials for the new Edexcel 2015 GCSE and GCE A level qualifications, detailed below:

<b>Edexcel 2015 GCSE teaching support – now available:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Language and English Literature support materials include: <a href="#">‘Grammar for writing’</a> and <a href="#">‘Let’s think in English’</a> pedagogies and free lesson materials.</li> <li><a href="#">A free GCSE Maths teaching support pack</a>, which includes: a Getting Started guide, an A2 formulae poster, gold, silver and bronze practice papers and GCSE Maths baseline tests. Plus a <a href="#">Supporting Great Maths Teaching Guide</a>.</li> <li>Plus free Schemes of Work, teaching and learning videos and exemplar materials for all Edexcel 2015 GCSE subjects. To find out more, <a href="#">visit our website</a>.</li> </ul>
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<b>Edexcel 2015 GCE A Level teaching support – now available:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free course planners, Schemes of Work, 'Getting Started' guides, mapping documents, training videos, student guides and exemplar materials for all Edexcel 2015 GCE A Level subjects. To find out more, <a href="#">visit our website</a>.</li> </ul>
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## Gain a deep insight into exam performance with ResultsPlus and ResultsPlus direct

In preparation for mock and final assessments next year, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind international schools and students about our free ResultsPlus and ResultsPlus Direct services.

## ResultsPlus

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ResultsPlus is a free online results analysis tool that provides a detailed breakdown of your students' performance in Edexcel exams at grade, unit and individual question level. It also enables you to view and compare students' performance with their group and with pupils at other schools globally.

The detailed analysis provided by ResultsPlus can help you to identify topics and skills where your student could benefit from further learning, helping them gain a deeper understanding of their subject.

For more information and to find out how to use the ResultsPlus service, please [visit our website](#).

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ResultsPlus Direct is a free online service that gives students a detailed breakdown of their performance in Edexcel exams, question-by-question. They can also compare their results to that of all other Edexcel students and use skills maps to identify areas to focus on, to improve attainment at the next level of learning.

For more information and to find out how students access the ResultsPlus Direct service, please [visit our website](#).

## Edexcel communications survey - results

Thanks to everyone who took part in our Edexcel communications survey. Survey feedback indicates that you find this newsletter a useful source of information about Edexcel qualifications. As such, we will continue to send monthly Edexcel newsletters to you in the New Year.



## 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:

- [Quality and the case for how you learn](#)
- [Why the UN climate change conference matters to education](#)



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