

Welcome to the **February** 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 lists all of the teacher training events we are running in March and April this year, how to book onto these events and provides 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.

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International Advanced Levels

Seven new subjects for first teaching in September 2016

We are introducing seven new Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) qualifications for first teaching in September 2016 in the following subjects: Applied ICT, Arabic, French, German, Greek, Geography and Spanish. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

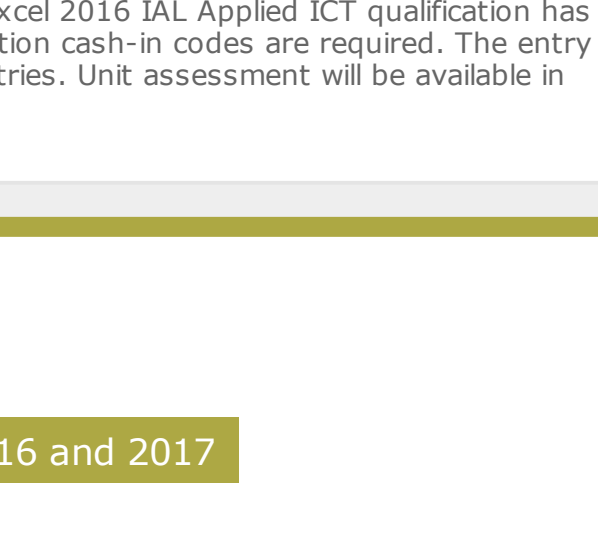
To contribute to the ongoing development of these qualifications, including content topics, assessment models and teacher support materials, please sign up to take part in our Edexcel IAL online subject expert panels by completing this [online form](#).

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

SEVEN NEW SUBJECTS

Applied ICT

Last month, we shared the Edexcel 2016 IAL Applied ICT qualification structure with you, now available [online](#). This month, we are providing you with more detailed information about the specification, entry model and assessment availability, to further support you to effectively deliver Edexcel IAL Applied ICT from September 2016.



Specification: As a result of the ongoing reform of GCE A levels in consultation with Ofqual (the regulator of qualifications, assessments and examinations in England), all UK Awarding Bodies have withdrawn the option of Applied GCE A levels for learners. As a result, the final teaching date for these qualifications was September 2015, with final certification for two-year courses in June 2017, further information is available on our [website](#).

In response to this, we have developed an Edexcel IAL Applied ICT qualification, for first teaching in September 2016, available to schools and learners outside of the UK. Edexcel GCE A level and IAL Applied ICT qualifications contain the same unit content and assessments. The only difference between the two qualifications is the specification cover design and layout. We will let you know as soon as the Edexcel 2016 IAL Applied ICT specification and Sample Assessment Materials become available on the website.

Entry model and assessment availability: The Edexcel 2016 IAL Applied ICT qualification has a new entry model where-by unit entries and qualification cash-in codes are required. The entry model is in-line with other IAL subject qualification entries. Unit assessment will be available in June only for students outside of the UK.

International GCSE

Edexcel 9-1 International GCSEs from 2016 and 2017

first teaching and assessment dates

To support you with your planning, below is a list of first teaching and first assessment dates for the updated Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE qualifications, available from 2016 and 2017.

Subject	First teaching date	First assessment date
English Language A	Optional September 2016 or September 2017	Optional May/June 2018 or May/June 2019
English Language B	Optional September 2016 or September 2017	Optional May/June 2018 or May/June 2019
English Literature	Optional September 2016 or September 2017	Optional May/June 2018 or May/June 2019
Mathematics A	Optional September 2016 or September 2017	Optional May/June 2018 or May/June 2019
Mathematics B	Optional September 2016 or September 2017	Optional May/June 2018 or May/June 2019
Accounting	September 2017	May/June 2019
Arabic 1st Language	September 2017	May/June 2019
Art and Design	September 2017	May/June 2019
Bangladesh Studies	September 2017	May/June 2019
Bengali	September 2017	May/June 2019
Biology	September 2017	May/June 2019
Business Studies	September 2017	May/June 2019
Chemistry	September 2017	May/June 2019
Chinese	September 2017	May/June 2019
Commerce	September 2017	May/June 2019
Computer Science	September 2017	May/June 2019
Double Award Science	September 2017	May/June 2019
Economics	September 2017	May/June 2019
English as a second language	September 2017	May/June 2019
French	September 2017	May/June 2019
Further Pure Mathematics	September 2017	May/June 2019
Geography	September 2017	May/June 2019
German	September 2017	May/June 2019
Global Citizenship	September 2017	May/June 2019
Greek 1st Language	September 2017	May/June 2019
History	September 2017	May/June 2019
Human Biology	September 2017	May/June 2019
ICT	September 2017	May/June 2019
Islamiyat	September 2017	May/June 2019
Pakistan Studies	September 2017	May/June 2019
Physics	September 2017	May/June 2019
Religious Studies	September 2017	May/June 2019
Single Award Combined Science	September 2017	May/June 2019
Sinhala	September 2017	May/June 2019
Spanish	September 2017	May/June 2019
Swahili	September 2017	May/June 2019
Tamil	September 2017	May/June 2019

Please take part in our online subject expert panels

Thanks to all of you who have taken part in our online subject expert panels so far, your feedback is helping to shape the updated Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE qualifications.

At the moment, we are particularly keen to gain feedback from Art and Design teachers on our new Edexcel 2017 9-1 International GCSE Art and Design specification. So far, we have discovered that International GCSE Art and Design students in Cyprus do underwater photography for their exam pieces, which created amazing colours and textures over a period of weeks. We are keen to learn more about the creative approaches being used by Edexcel International GCSE Art and Design students for assessment, to inform the development of the updated specification.



We encourage you to participate in our online subject expert panels.

To get involved in our subject expert panels, please complete this online form.

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

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.

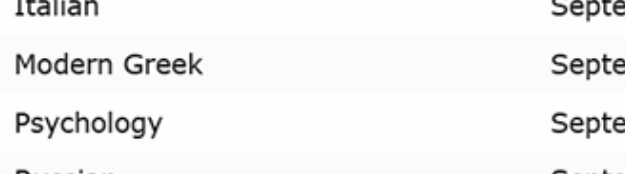
GCSE and GCE A Level reform

16 new Edexcel 2016 GCSE and GCE A levels

now accredited by Ofqual

We are pleased to announce that **16 new Edexcel 2016 GCSE and GCE A levels** have now been accredited by Ofqual for first assessment in 2018:

Edexcel 2016 GCSEs (9-1)	Edexcel 2016 GCE A levels
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCSE Art and Design GCSE Citizenship GCSE Computer Science GCSE Geography A GCSE Geography B GCSE History GCSE Music GCSE PE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCE A level Drama GCE AS level Drama GCE A level Geography GCE AS level Geography GCE A level Music GCE AS level Music GCE A level PE GCE AS level PE



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](#).

Edexcel 9-1 GCSE first teaching and assessment dates

To support you with your planning, below is a list of first teaching and first assessment dates for the updated Edexcel 9-1 GCSE qualifications, available from 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Subject	First teaching date	First assessment date
English Language	September 2015	May/June 2017
English Literature	September 2015	May/June 2017
Maths	September 2015	May/June 2017
Art and Design	September 2016	May/June 2018
Computer Science	September 2016	May/June 2018
Citizenship Studies	September 2016	May/June 2018
Drama	September 2016	May/June 2018
Geography A	September 2016	May/June 2018
Geography B	September 2016	May/June 2018
History	September 2016	May/June 2018
Modern Languages	September 2016	May/June 2018
Music	September 2016	May/June 2018
Physical Education	September 2016	May/June 2018
Religious Studies	September 2016	May/June 2018
Sciences	September 2016	May/June 2018
Arabic	September 2017	May/June 2019
Astronomy	September 2017	May/June 2019
Business	September 2017	May/June 2019
Chinese	September 2017	May/June 2019
Design and Technology	September 2017	May/June 2019
Japanese	September 2017	May/June 2019
Italian	September 2017	May/June 2019
Modern Greek	September 2017	May/June 2019
Psychology	September 2017	May/June 2019
Russian	September 2017	May/June 2019
Statistics	September 2017	May/June 2019
Urdu	September 2017	May/June 2019

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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.

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
12 March 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Physics: Effective Delivery and Assessment	9:30am – 3:00pm	Cairo, Egypt
14 March 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Biology: Effective Delivery and Assessment	2:30pm	Male, Maldives
15 March 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level Chemistry: Principal Examiner for a day "how IAL's work"	9:00am – 3:30pm	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
16 March 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Biology: Effective Delivery and Assessment	9:00am – 2:30pm	Colombo, Sri Lanka
20 March 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Chemistry: Effective Delivery and Assessment	10:00am – 2:30pm	Dubai, UAE
21 March 2016	Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel AS/A level Geography specifications from September 2016	8:00am – 10:00am	Online
22 March 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Physics: Effective Delivery and Assessment	9:30am – 3:00pm	Chennai, India
23 March 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Economics: Effective Delivery and Assessment	10:00am – 3:30pm	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
24 March 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Chemistry: Principal Examiner for a day "how IAL's work"	8:00am – 10:00am	Muscat, Oman
25 March 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Economics: Effective Delivery and Assessment	10:00pm – 3:30pm	Nanjing, China
29 March 2016	Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Greek specification for first teaching in September 2016	3:30pm – 5:30pm	Online
29 March 2016	Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) English Language (A) specification for first teaching from September 2016	10:00am – 3:30pm	Jakarta, Indonesia
2 April 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Biology: Effective Delivery and Assessment	10:00am – 3:30pm	Cairo, Egypt
4 April 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Biology: Effective Delivery and Assessment	10:00am – 3:30pm	Amman, Jordan
10 April 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Physics: Effective Delivery and Assessment	10:00am – 3:30pm	UAE, Dubai
11 April 2016	Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel GCSE Science specification for first teaching from September 2016	10:00am – 3:30pm	UAE, Dubai
13 April 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Physics: Effective Delivery and Assessment	9:30am – 3:00pm	Doha, Qatar
14 April 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Physics: Effective Delivery and Assessment	9:30am – 3:00pm	Muscat, Oman
17 April 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Physics: Effective Delivery and Assessment	9:30am – 3:30pm	Dhaka, Bangladesh
17 April 2016	Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) English Language (B) specification for first teaching from September 2016	9:30am – 3:30pm	Dhaka, Bangladesh
17 April 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Physics: Effective Delivery and Assessment	9:30am – 3:30pm	Kuwait City, Kuwait
17 April 2016	Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Modern Foreign Languages specification for first teaching from September 2016	9:30am – 3:30pm	UAE, Dubai
20 April 2016	Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Arabic specification for first teaching in September 2016	8:00am – 10:00am	Online
21 April 2016	Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel GCSE English Language specification for first teaching from September 2015	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Online
21 April 2016	Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Physics: Effective Delivery and Assessment	9:30am – 3:30pm	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
25 April 2016	Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) English Language (A) specification for first teaching from September 2016	10:00am – 3:30pm	Dubai, UAE
25 April 2016	Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Applied ICT specification for first teaching in September 2016	8:00am – 10:00am	Online
28 April 2016	Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Arabic specification for first teaching in September 2016	8:00am – 10:00am	Online

[Book your place today!](#)

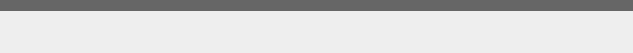
We are organising more training events over the coming months for different Edexcel qualifications and subjects. Please [bookmark our training webpage](#) to keep up to date with the latest information.

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 case for unbundling the teacher](#)

[How to kick start an educational transformation](#)



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