



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

Keeping you informed every step of the way

Happy New Year! We wish you and your students every success for 2016. This year, we aim to continue to keep you up to date with the latest news about Edexcel qualifications for international schools, including: International GCSEs, International Advanced Levels and GCSE and GCE A level reform.

We will also provide you with links to useful teaching resources, services, training events and education insight blogs from Pearson, to further support you to deliver Edexcel qualifications with confidence. Read the latest news below.

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

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International GCSE

Edexcel 9-1 International GCSEs from 2016 and 2017

In September last year, 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.

We can now confirm that the following updated Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE subjects will be available for first teaching in September 2017, with first assessment in May / June 2019.

September 2017	Offered to International Schools
English Language A*	✓
English Language B*	✓
English Literature*	✓
Mathematics A*	✓
Mathematics B*	✓
Accounting	✓
Arabic 1st Language	✓
Art and Design	✓
Bangladesh Studies	✓
Bengali	✓
Biology	✓
Business Studies	✓
Chemistry	✓
Chinese	✓
Commerce	✓
Computer Science	✓
Double Award Science	✓
Economics	✓
English as a Second Language	✓
French	✓
Further Pure Mathematics	✓
Geography	✓
German	✓
Global Citizenship	✓
Greek 1st Language	✓
History	✓
Human Biology	✓
ICT	✓
Islamiat	✓
Pakistan Studies	✓
Physics	✓
Religious Studies	✓
Single Award Combined Science	✓
Sinhala	✓
Spanish	✓
Swahili	✓
Tamil	✓

* 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.

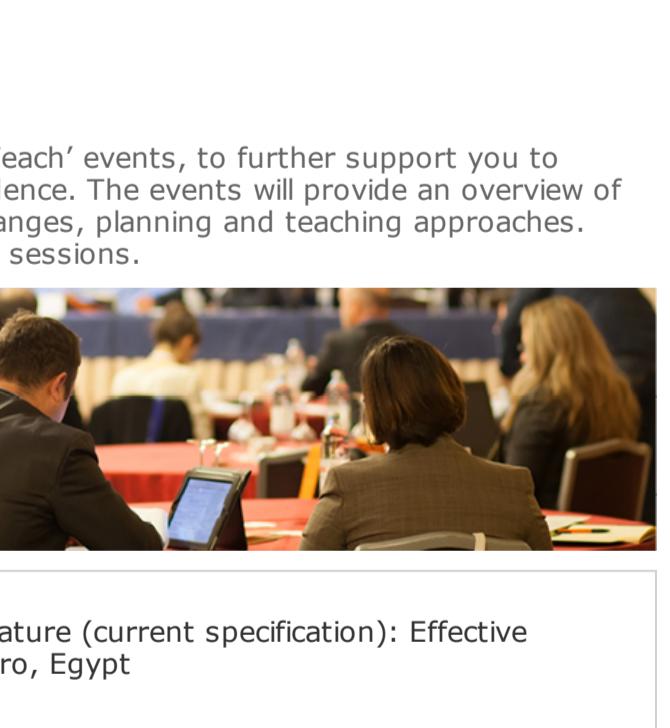
By introducing the full suite of updated Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE subjects in 2017, we aim to provide teaching teams with a structured transition over to the refreshed specifications with more preparation time. We will equip you with dedicated teaching and learning resources to support the effective delivery of these updated qualifications in time for first teaching and will let you know as soon as these become available through this newsletter.

For more information, please visit our [website](#).

Please take part in our online subject expert panels

Thanks to all of the teachers who have taken part in our online subject expert panels so far. We encourage you to continue to do so in 2016, so we can ensure the updated specifications are the highest possible standard.

Do you teach Accounting, Art and Design, Business Studies, Economics, Global Citizenship, ICT or Religious Studies? If the answer is yes, we would really appreciate it if you are able to actively contribute to our online subject expert panels between January and June. This is because we are focusing on the development of these qualifications during the first half of 2016.



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

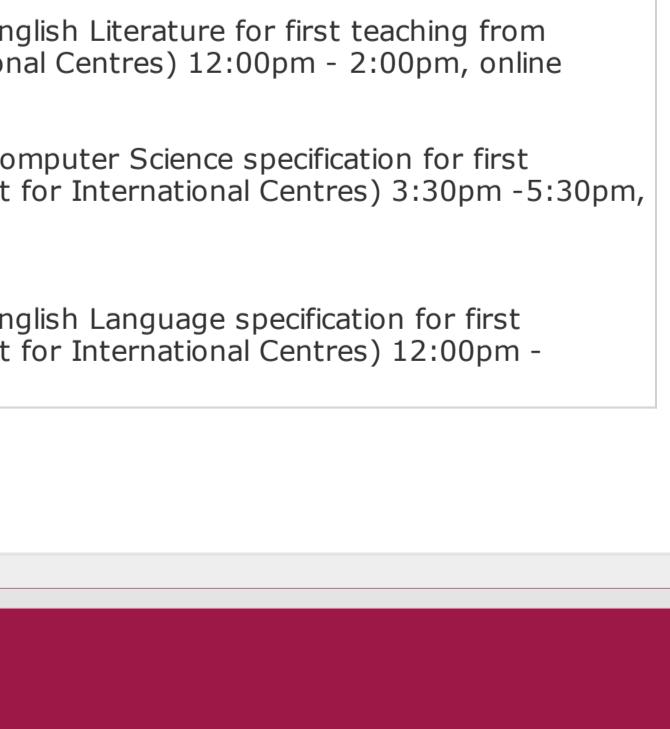
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International Advanced Levels

Please take part in our online subject expert panels

Please complete this online form to take part in our Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) online subject expert panels.

By taking part, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the development of new IAL subjects in Arabic, French, German, Greek, Geography and Spanish for first teaching in September 2016.



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