



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	✓
Islamiyat	✓
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.

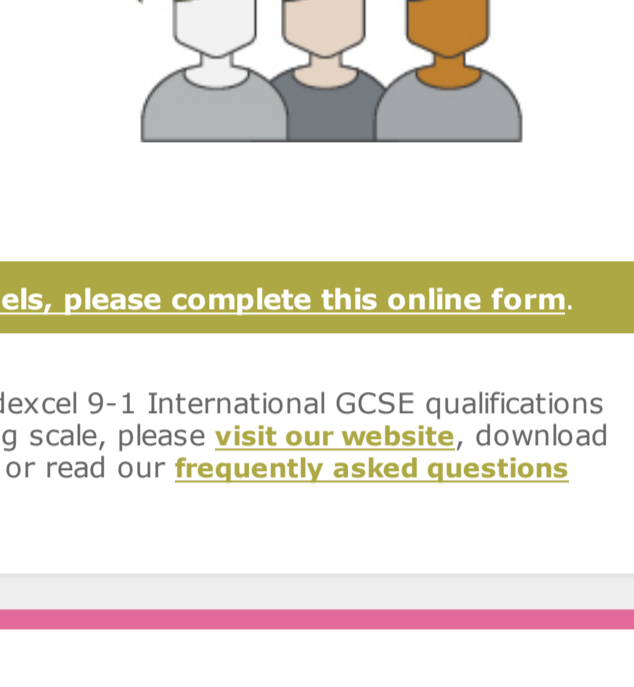
By introducing the full suite of updated Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE subjects in 2017, we aim to provide teaching teams with a structured transition over to the refreshed specifications with more preparation time. We will equip you with dedicated teaching and learning resources to support the effective 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.

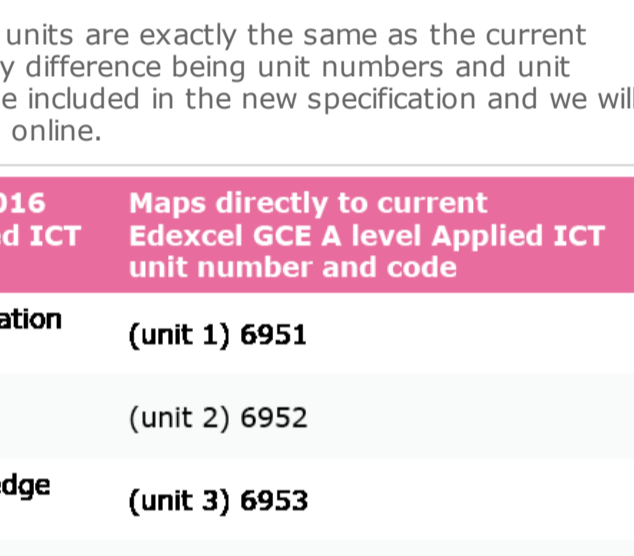
For more information about planned updates to Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE qualifications from 2016 and 2017, including the new 9-1 grading scale, please [visit our website](#), download our new Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE [brochure](#) or read our [frequently asked questions](#) document.

International Advanced Levels

Please take part in our online subject expert panels

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.



Applied ICT

At this stage in the qualification development process, we are able to share the Edexcel 2016 IAL Applied ICT qualification structure with you. See the diagram below for more information.

Please note that the Edexcel 2016 IAL Applied ICT units are exactly the same as the current Edexcel GCE A level Applied ICT units, with the only difference being unit numbers and unit codes. A more detailed qualification structure will be included in the new specification and we will let you know as soon as it is available to download online.

Edexcel 2016 IAL Applied ICT unit number	Edexcel 2016 IAL Applied ICT unit code	Edexcel 2016 IAL Applied ICT unit name	Maps directly to current Edexcel GCE A level Applied ICT unit number and code
1	WIT01	The Information Age	(unit 1) 6951
2	WIT02	The Digital Economy	(unit 2) 6952
3	WIT03	The Knowledge Worker	(unit 3) 6953
4	WIT04	Using Database Software	(unit 7) 6957
5	WIT05	Managing ICT Projects	(unit 8) 6958
6	WIT06	Using Multimedia Software	(unit 10) 6960
7	WIT07	Using Spreadsheet Software	(unit 11) 6961
8	WIT08	Customising Applications	(unit 12) 6962
IAS cash-in code	XIT01		First award June 2017
IAL cash-in code	YIT01		First award June 2018

Introducing a new alternative practical examination

in Chemistry and Physics

In November last year, we announced the introduction of a new alternative practical examination in Edexcel IAL Chemistry and Physics subjects for first assessment in this development, as an alternative to the Unit 6 written examination. More information about this 2017, is available on our [website](#).

Following on from this announcement, we are pleased to say that the updated Edexcel IAL **Chemistry** and **Physics** specifications, which now include the new Unit 7 alternative practical examination option, are now available to download [online](#).

Please note that if you choose to offer the Unit 7 alternative practical examination option, your school must meet all requirements as detailed in the following **Chemistry** and **Physics** online documents, including the ability to provide students with access to a suitably equipped laboratory and basic apparatus.

GCSE and GCE A Level reform

9 new Edexcel 2016 GCSE and GCE A levels

now accredited by Ofqual - reminder

This is a reminder that **9 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 Computer Science GCSE Geography A GCSE Geography B GCSE History GCSE Music GCSE PE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCE A level Music GCE AS level Music

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](#).

Getting ready to teach the new Edexcel GCSE 9-1

English Language and English Literature specifications

Last year, we ran a series of free face-to-face and online 'Getting Ready to Teach' events for teachers who are preparing to deliver the Edexcel GCSE 9-1 English Language and English Literature specifications for first teaching from September 2015. If you were unable to attend these events, you can still:

[Access the training materials for English Language](#)

[Access the training materials for English Literature](#)

We are also running more 'Getting Ready to Teach' events for these subjects, see the 'Teacher training' section below for more details.

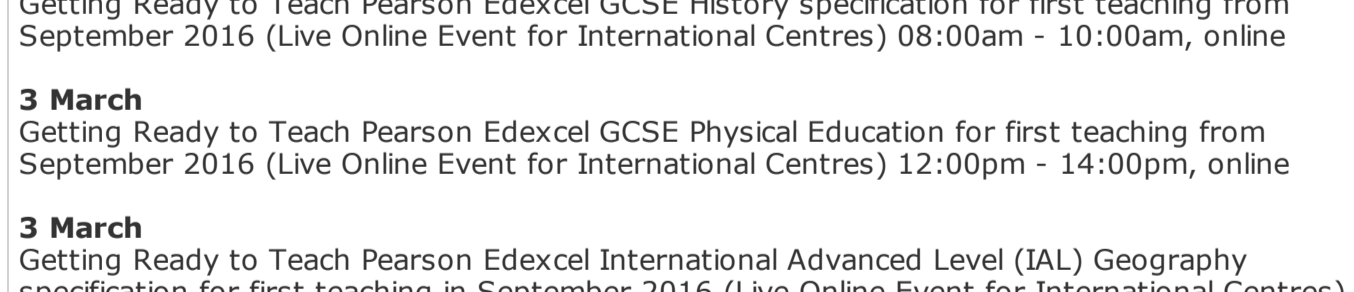
Teacher support for the new Edexcel GCSE 9-1

Mathematics specifications from 2015

We have developed a comprehensive range of free teaching resources to support teachers with planning, teaching and assessing and tracking the new Edexcel 2015 GCSE (9-1) Mathematics specification. To find out more, please [visit our website](#).

Teacher training events

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



20 February
Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel International GCSE English Literature (current specification): Effective Delivery and Assessment 10:00am - 3:00pm Cairo, Egypt

25 February
Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel GCSE History specification for first teaching from September 2016 (Live Online Event for International Centres) 08:00am - 10:00am, online

3 March
Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel GCSE Physical Education for first teaching from September 2016 (Live Online Event for International Centres) 12:00pm - 14:00pm, online

3 March
Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Geography specification for first teaching in September 2016 (Live Online Event for International Centres) 08:00am - 10:00am, online

8 March
Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL) Geography specification for first teaching in September 2016 (Live Online Event for International Centres) 12:00pm - 14:00pm, online

16 March
AS/A Level Understanding CPAC (Common Practical Assessment Criteria) Biology, Chemistry and Physics 08:00am - 10:00am, online

19 March
Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level Accounting: Effective delivery and assessment 10:00am - 3:00pm Dhaka, Bangladesh

21 March
Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel GCSE Music for first teaching from September 2016 (Live Online Event for International Centres) 08:00am - 10:00am, online

23 March
Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel GCSE English Literature for first teaching from September 2015 (Live Online Event for International Centres) 12:00pm - 2:00pm, online

12 April
Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel GCSE Computer Science specification for first teaching from September 2016 (Live Online Event for International Centres) 3:30pm - 5:30pm, online

13 April
Getting Ready to Teach Pearson Edexcel GCSE English Language specification for first teaching from September 2015 (Live Online Event for International Centres) 12:00pm - 2:00pm, online

[Book your place today!](#)

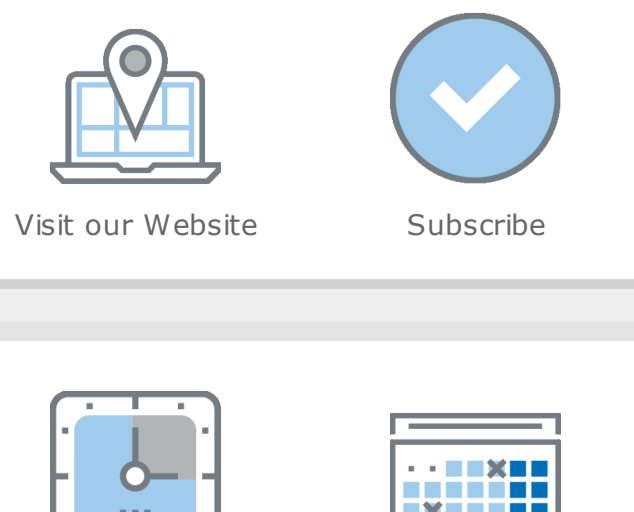
Pearson blog

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:

[Decisions are made better with data](#)

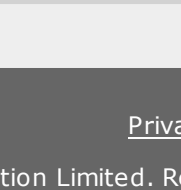
[A South African perspective on what makes a great teacher](#)



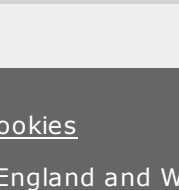
To read more articles and to join the conversation, [visit and bookmark the Pearson blog](#).

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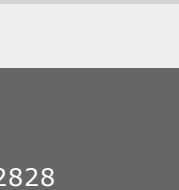
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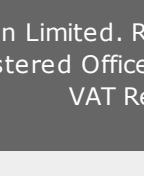
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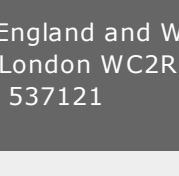
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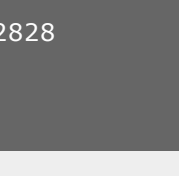
Key information for international centres:



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