

Edexcel International Update

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

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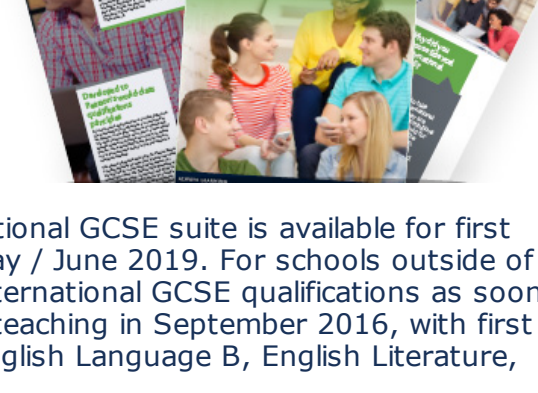
This edition brings you updates about Edexcel qualifications for international schools, including: International GCSEs, International Advanced Levels, GCSE and GCE A level reform and the Primary and Lower Secondary Curricula. It also provides information about the bank of free past papers and mark schemes available on our website 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

Updates to International GCSE qualifications from 2016 and 2017

Last month, we announced that we are making some updates to our Edexcel International GCSE qualifications for first teaching in September 2016 and 2017. One of the key elements will be 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. The updated content will also represent the latest thinking in each subject, plus more international content.



We will ensure that the full updated Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE suite is available for first teaching in September 2017, with first assessment in May / June 2019. For schools outside of the UK that would like to begin teaching updated Edexcel International GCSE qualifications as soon as possible, the following subjects will be available for first teaching in September 2016, with first assessment in May / June 2018; English Language A, English Language B, English Literature, Mathematics A and Mathematics B.

Are you an English teacher? Draft assessment models are now

available for Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE English Language A

and English Literature

Draft assessment models for Edexcel 9-1 International GCSE **English Language A** and **English Literature** specifications are now available on our **website**. These documents will provide you with an overview of what's changing including 'assessment at a glance' and information on key updates to the specifications.

Please take part in our online subject expert panels

We would be grateful if you can continue to participate in our Edexcel International GCSE consultation through our online subject expert panels. By taking part, you will be able to actively contribute to all aspects of the updated qualifications, including the assessment model, content topics and subject aims. We are already using feedback from the panels on draft materials produced so far to inform the development of subsequent materials. **Get involved and complete this online form.**

We are considering developing Psychology, Sociology and Design and Technology qualifications. If you would be interested in participating in any of these panels please indicate when you complete the online form.

For more information about planned updates to Edexcel 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

Last month, we announced the launch of an additional 6 Edexcel International Advanced Levels (IAL) subjects in Arabic, French, German, Greek, Geography and Spanish for first teaching in September 2016.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you and teachers at your school to take part in our IAL online subject expert panels for these new 2016 qualifications. The panels are an online forum, where you will be able to actively contribute to all aspects of the new qualifications including the content topics and subject aims.

Subject panel participants will have an exclusive first view of the new qualifications and as a result, will have the opportunity to provide meaningful feedback that will inform the development of the final specifications and Sample Assessment Materials (SAMs). To sign up to take part in the online subject expert panels, please complete this **online form**.

Teacher training events for the new 2015 Edexcel IAL subjects



We are continuing to run free 'Getting Ready to Teach' events, to further support you to effectively deliver the new 2015 Edexcel IAL subjects 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 some of these sessions.

Date	Event	Time	Location
26/10/15	English Language and English Literature	All day	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
28/10/15	English Language and English Literature	All day	Bangkok, Thailand
29/10/15	English Language and English Literature	All day	India
01/11/15	English Language and English Literature	All day	Dubai, UAE
06/11/15	English Language and English Literature	All day	Hong Kong
06/11/15	English Language and English Literature	All day	Madrid, Spain

Book your place today!

GCSE and GCE A Level reform

New and improved Edexcel 9-1 GCSE Maths

Sample Assessment Materials now accredited

We are delighted to announce that Ofqual (the Office of Qualifications and Examination Regulation in England) has now accredited our new and improved Foundation and Higher-Tier sample assessment materials. They are designed to be accessible to the full range of your learners.

To find out more, visit our **website**.

New and improved GCSE Maths sample assessment materials now accredited

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Dedicated Edexcel 9-1 GCSE Maths

free teaching support and resources

This **support timeline** shows the free teaching support and resources we are providing for Edexcel 9-1 GCSE Maths. Support currently available includes:

- **A two-year scheme of work**
- **A new three-year scheme of work**
- **A new five-year scheme of work**
- **A 'Getting Started' guide**
- **Content mapping documents**
- **Exemplar student answers**

To find out more, please visit and bookmark the Edexcel 9-1 GCSE Maths teaching support **webpage**.

Maths teachers also have access to the online Mathematics Emporium. Run by Graham Cumming, our in-house mathematics expert, it will keep you up to date and give you easy access to all the materials you need to teach GCSE Mathematics throughout the year. You can also sign up for regular emails from Graham and the team. **Visit the Mathematics Emporium.**

Dedicated Edexcel 2015 GCSE and GCE A Level

free teaching support and resources for all subjects

To easily access all Edexcel 2015 GCSE and GCE A level free teaching support and resources, we advise you to bookmark the following web pages:

- Edexcel 2015 GCSE teaching and learning materials**
- Edexcel 2015 GCE A level teaching and learning materials**

Teacher training events for the new

2015 Edexcel GCSEs and GCE A Levels

We are running more online and face to face 'Getting Ready to Teach' events from October onwards. Please see below for the dates and times of some of these sessions.

Date	Event	Time	Location
GCE A level events			
23/10/15	Physics	See website	Online
24/10/15	Physics	See website	Online
17/11/15	Business	See website	Online
17/11/15	Economics A	See website	Online
19/11/15	Business	See website	Online
19/11/15	Economics A	See website	Online
GCSE events			
27/10/15	Maths	All day	Dubai, UAE
30/10/15	Maths	All day	Hong Kong

For more information about the timing of the online events and to book your place, please **visit our website**.

Past papers

Curriculum update

We have a large online library of past exam papers and mark schemes, available free to teachers and students to support with exam preparation and practice. Our easy-to-use search tool on the website makes it easy to locate past papers and mark schemes for your subject area. To find out more, visit our **website**.

Download past papers, mark schemes and examiner reports

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Primary and Lower Secondary Curricula

Curriculum update

As mentioned in **last month's edition of this newsletter**, we are currently looking at our PLSC offer for international schools and would really appreciate any feedback you may have on how you feel it can be improved. To become part of the discussion please complete this **online form**.



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:

- **How do you solve a problem like education?**
- **Are young people being educated not to think?**

To read more articles and to join the conversation, **visit and bookmark the Pearson blog**.

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Advice

Key information for international centres:

Information Manual | Exam Timetables | Key Dates