

Give your students the best global opportunities

A school's guide to Edexcel
A level qualifications



The A level landscape is changing

The A level landscape is changing. This booklet will walk you through the latest developments, our Edexcel A level qualifications and the continuing support available to you.

In 2013 the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) in England announced changes to GCE A level, including the immediate removal of January examinations and the proposed move from modular assessment to linear from September 2015, with the introduction of a new suite of GCE A levels.

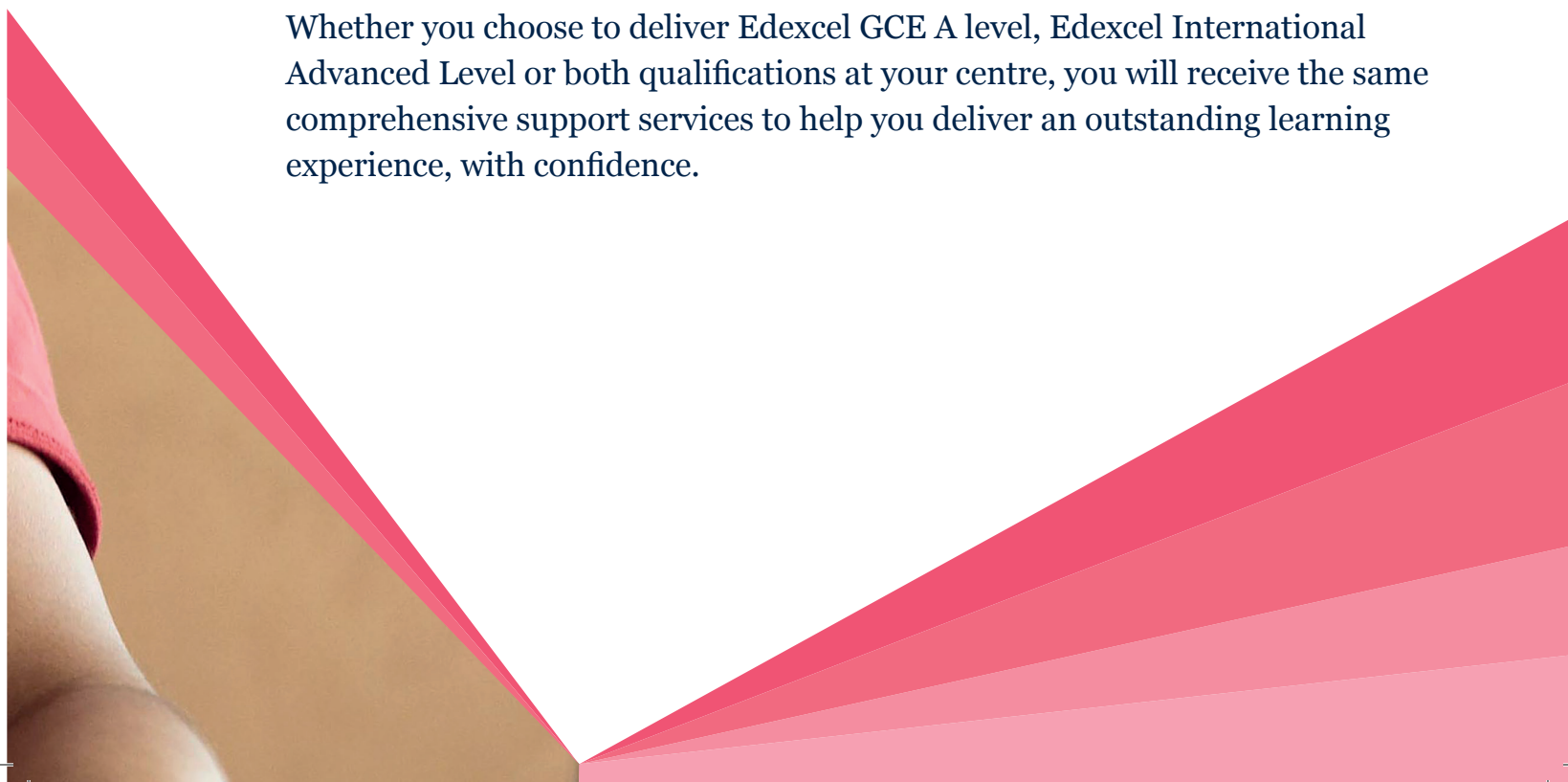
We know how important January examinations are to many of our international customers, so we have developed an additional suite of A level qualifications - International Advanced Levels - that contain both January and June examinations.

Find the right solution for your school

International centres are now in the unique position of being able to offer Edexcel GCE A levels and Edexcel International Advanced Levels to their students.

Written to the same world-class standards as all Pearson qualifications, our two Edexcel A level qualifications equip students with the knowledge and skills to realise their ambitions and open doors to the university of their choice.

Whether you choose to deliver Edexcel GCE A level, Edexcel International Advanced Level or both qualifications at your centre, you will receive the same comprehensive support services to help you deliver an outstanding learning experience, with confidence.



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The great selection of past papers, mark schemes and feedback on previous papers were a great help in understanding what the examiners were looking for.

Panayiotis Hadjisergis, student,
The Nicosia Grammar School, Cyprus.



Better technology. Better support.

We understand that delivering first-class qualifications takes time and careful planning, which is why we strive to provide you with an unparalleled level of support alongside our high-quality Edexcel qualifications.

Support with exam preparation and assessment

- › Past papers
- › Mark schemes
- › Examiner reports
- › ResultsPlus Mock Analysis

Teaching and delivery support

- › Ask the Expert
- › Subject Advisors
- › Subject community forums
- › Training solutions

Resources

- › Range of free teaching resources including: past exam papers, schemes of work and more.
- › Range of paid-for digital and print resources

Results/post results support

- › ResultsPlus
- › Certification
- › Exam feedback sessions
- › Grade boundaries

ResultsPlus

Provides centres with instant and detailed analysis of your students' GCE A level and International Advanced Level exam and mock performance. Widely used by teachers across the world, it helps you identify the areas where students could benefit from extra support and guidance, driving attainment.

Find out more at: qualifications.pearson.com/resultsplus

“ResultsPlus helps me by looking at individual students and analysing their performance, finding the exact topic they either did well and succeeded in, or the ones that need improvement... we then look at setting up revision or booster classes, some sort of intervention, so we can improve their result for the re-sit.

Panayiotis Hadjisergis, student, The Nicosia Grammar School, Cyprus.

Edexcel GCE A level

The international gold standard in academic qualifications.

British standards

Regulated by Ofqual, Edexcel GCE A Levels are the exact same as those offered in the UK. Demanding, rigorous and empowering, they are among the most widely known and respected academic qualifications in the world.

Latest news on GCE A level reform - timeline

Ofqual and the UK Government are in the process of reforming A levels in England. The proposed changes, which will affect Edexcel GCE A levels, include:

From 2015

New GCE A levels will be introduced for first teaching in September 2015 in the following subjects: Art & Design, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computing Science, Economics, English (Language, Literature and Language & Literature), History, Physics, Psychology and Sociology.

From 2016

New GCE A levels for Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Geography and Modern Foreign Languages for first teaching from September 2016.

* GCE A levels to move from a modular assessment structure, to linear. All examinations to be taken at the end of the two-year course.



The Edexcel A level programme is great for me as this system demands consistency and will assist me towards my dream of studying Journalism.

Natalie, student, Kuala Lumpur

To keep up to date with the proposed changes visit qualifications.pearson.com/edexcel-alevel-reform



Education that opens doors

Available in over 30 subjects, Edexcel GCE A levels equip learners with the knowledge and skills they need to access the very best global higher education and employment opportunities.

Key Features:

- › level 3 qualifications
- › available in over 30 subjects
- › usually studied full-time by 16 – 19 year olds at school or college
- › modular structure until September 2015*
- › AS level a stand-alone qualification from September 2015*
- › annual examinations in June
- › typically, a Edexcel GCE AS level is taken over one year and a Edexcel GCE A level over two years
- › regulated by Ofqual.

Subject areas available:

- › Business and Economics
- › Design and Technology
- › Performing Arts
- › English
- › Humanities
- › Languages
- › Mathematics
- › Music
- › Physical Education
- › Sciences

Key documents - available online:

- › Specifications
- › Sample Assessment Materials
- › Teacher Support Materials
- › Mapping documents
- › Examiner Reports
- › Question papers and mark schemes.



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Edexcel A levels offer excellent preparation for university, not only in terms of the learning material but also the level of intensity. The approaches we used to tackle analytical problems or written assignments for our A levels still come in useful at the university level.

Lien Tran, student,
The Nicosia Grammar School, Cyprus.

Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL)

Flexible approach to international learning

Designed for the global learner

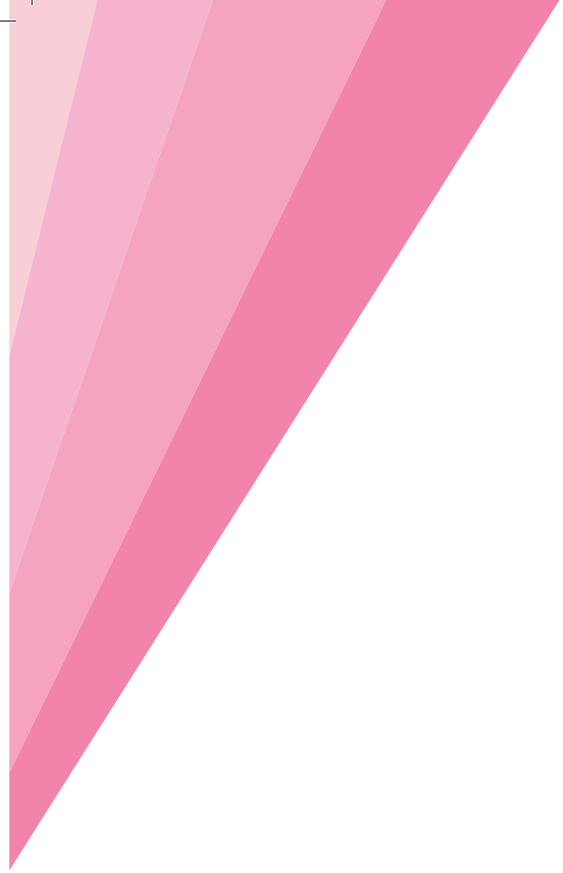
Edexcel International Advanced Levels have been developed to the same high standards as Edexcel GCE A Levels for the unique needs of the global learner. They provide the flexibility to teach a modular A level qualification that is 100% externally assessed with exams in both January and June.

Initially available in eight popular subjects, IALs can be taken alongside Edexcel GCE A levels, or BTEC and LCCI qualifications to provide a comprehensive suite of subjects for students to choose from.

Advance to the top

Developed by education specialists specifically for international students, Edexcel International Advanced Levels prepares them to access to the world's top universities and employment opportunities.





Whatever
your A level
requirements,
we have a
solution for you

Key Features:

- › level 3 qualifications
- › usually studied full-time by 16 – 19 year olds at school or college
- › flexible, modular structure
- › January and June examinations
- › 100% external assessment with no coursework
- › regulated by Pearson
- › specifications can be delivered in an international context
- › AS can be used to complete an Advanced Level or taken as a stand-alone qualification
- › written to the same rigorous standards as all Edexcel qualifications, for global recognition.


Edexcel International Advanced Levels are available in the following popular subjects:

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| › Accounting | › English Literature |
| › Biology | › History |
| › Business Studies | › Law |
| › Chemistry | › Mathematics |
| › Economics | › Physics |
| › English Language | › Psychology |

NEW subjects for first teaching from September 2016:

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| › Applied ICT | › Greek |
| › Arabic | › Geography |
| › French | › Spanish |
| › German | |

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Teach Edexcel A levels

- › Contact your regional office
- › We will work with you through your application
- › Together we choose the programme that is right for you and your students
- › Your centre is approved to offer Edexcel qualifications

Learn more at
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