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Edexcel Business and Economics qualifications



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Newsflash

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 the new 9-1 grading scale, ensuring comparability to Edexcel GCSEs and rewarding outstanding achievement. The updated content will also represent the latest thinking in each subject, plus more international content.

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Edexcel Business and Economics qualifications

Available at level 2 - 3, Pearson's Edexcel Business and Economics suite of qualifications cover everything from Accounting to Applied Business, and provides students with a thorough knowledge and understanding of the major elements of commercial and economic activity.

At a glance

 These qualifications provide seamless progression to higher level academic (i.e. degree level programmes) and vocational qualifications.

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Pietro Tozzi, Maths Teacher, Gumley House School, UK.

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Accounting

International GCSE

Overview:

Our Accounting International GCSE aims to develop an understanding of the nature and purpose of accounting in business and non-profit-making organisations, and how it can aid business decision-making.

Content:

Books of original entry; the ledger; trading account, profit and loss account, balance sheet of a sole trader; adjustments; incomplete records; non-profitmaking organisations; manufacturing accounts; partnerships; limited companies; analysis and interpretation of accounts.

Assessment:

Assessment is through a 2.5 hour exam, set and marked by Edexcel. Examinations take place bi-annually in January and June.

International Advanced Level (IAL)

Overview:

Edexcel's IAL in Accounting, regulated by Pearson, aims to develop students' knowledge and understanding of the principles, concepts and techniques of accounting. The syllabus lays a secure foundation for the future study of Accounting or related subjects. In addition, it provides a worthwhile course for learners who choose to end their study after AS/Advanced Level.

Content:

The accounting system and costing; corporate and management accounting.

Assessment:

Each unit is externally assessed by a 3-hour exam, with January and June exam options.

Business (Double Award)

GCSE

Overview:

Designed to encourage and reward independent learning, Edexcel's GCSE in Business (Double Award) is a work-related qualification equivalent to two GCSEs. Students now have the flexibility to do a single GCSE should they choose to complete only two units.

Content:

Investigating how business works; financial records; investigating people; business and change; financial planning and forecasting.

Assessment:

Units 1 and 3 are assessed internally, while units 2 and 4 are each externally assessed through a onehour paper. Externally assessed examinations take place annually in June.

Business

GCSE

Overview:

Our innovative and exciting GCSE in Business differs by using an enterprise and skills approach. You can choose from specialised units for three of the pathways: Business Studies, Business Communications, and Business Studies and Economics.

Content:

Introduction to small business; investigating small business; building a business; business communications; introduction to economic understanding.

Assessment:

All units are assessed externally through exam papers, apart from investigating small business, which is assessed internally under controlled conditions. Externally assessed examinations take place annually in June.

Business Studies

International GCSE

Overview:

Designed to develop a sound understanding of business terminology, concepts and methods as well as the ability to use knowledge, skills and understanding appropriately in the context of international markets and the UK.

Content:

Business activity and the changing environment; human resources; accounting and finance; marketing; production.

Assessment:

Through a 2 hour exam set and marked by Edexcel. Examinations take place bi-annually in January and June.



GCE A level

Overview:

Our innovative Business Studies Edexcel A level specification allows students to follow one of two pathways: either Business Studies or an integrated Economics and Business route. The core units are centred on entrepreneurial skills at Advanced Subsidiary (AS) and on a global perspective at Advanced level (A2).

Content:

Developing new business ideas; managing the business; business economics; international business; making business decisions; the wider economic environment and business.

Assessment:

All assessment is through externally assessed exam papers. Externally assessed examinations take place annually in June.

International Advanced Level (IAL)

Overview:

Edexcel's IAL Business Studies syllabus builds on the knowledge and skills developed from Edexcel International GCSE Business Studies and other GCSE programmes of study, encouraging creative thinking and problem solving. A GCSE qualification in Business Studies is not a prerequisite.

Content:

Business enterprise; business structures and processes; strategic business decisions; business in a global context.

Assessment:

All assessment is through externally assessed exam papers, with January and June exam options.

Commerce

International GCSE

Overview:

Our International GCSE in Commerce aims to develop knowledge and understanding of the nature and purpose of commercial activities and commercial institutions.

Content:

Production and commercial activity; trade; consumer credit and protection; business ownership; aids to trade.

Assessment:

Assessment is through a two-hour examination paper based on real commercial situations, set and marked by Edexcel. Examinations take place bi-annually in January and June.

Economics

International GCSE

Overview:

On this two-year course, students will gain a sound understanding of economics and the ability to use their knowledge, skills and understanding appropriately in the context of individual countries and the global economy.

Content:

The market system; business economics; government and the economy; the global economy.

Assessment:

Assessment is by a single 2.5 hour exam, externally assessed. Examinations take place bi-annually in January and June.

GCE A level

Overview:

It will help students gain an understanding of the wider economic and social environment, and develop the skills, qualities and attitudes to equip them for the challenges, opportunities and responsibilities of adult and working life.

Content:

Competitive markets – how they work and why they fail; managing the economy; business economics and economic efficiency; the global economy.

Assessment:

All units are externally assessed through exams. Externally assessed examinations take place annually in June.

International Advanced Level (IAL)

Overview:

The IAL Economics syllabus, regulated by Pearson, builds on the knowledge and skills developed from Edexcel International GCSE Economics, encouraging creative thinking and problem-solving. A GCSE qualification in Economics is not a prerequisite for study of the subject at Advanced Level.

Content:

Markets in action; macroeconomic performance and policy; business behaviour; developments in the global economy.

Assessment:

All units are externally assessed through exams, with January and June exam options.

Economics and Business

GCE A level

Overview:

This specification allows students to follow one of two pathways: either Business Studies or an integrated Economics and Business route. The core units are centred on entrepreneurial skills at Advanced Subsidiary (AS) and on a global perspective at Advanced level (A2).

Content:

Developing new business ideas; managing the business; business economics; international business; making business decisions; the wider economic environment and business.

Assessment:

All units are externally assessed through exams. Externally assessed examinations take place annually in June.

Law

International Advanced Level (IAL)

Overview:

Develop students' knowledge and understanding of legal rules and institutions and an appreciation of the function of law in society. Students will learn to apply analytical and critical thinking to the legal environment, gain an understanding of the application of legal principles across different branches of law.

Content:

The nature of law; the effect of law on the individual; the sources of law; law enforcement and administration; the market; the workplace; the family; the criminal offender; the individual.

Assessment:

Assessment is through externally assessed exams and available in June only.

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