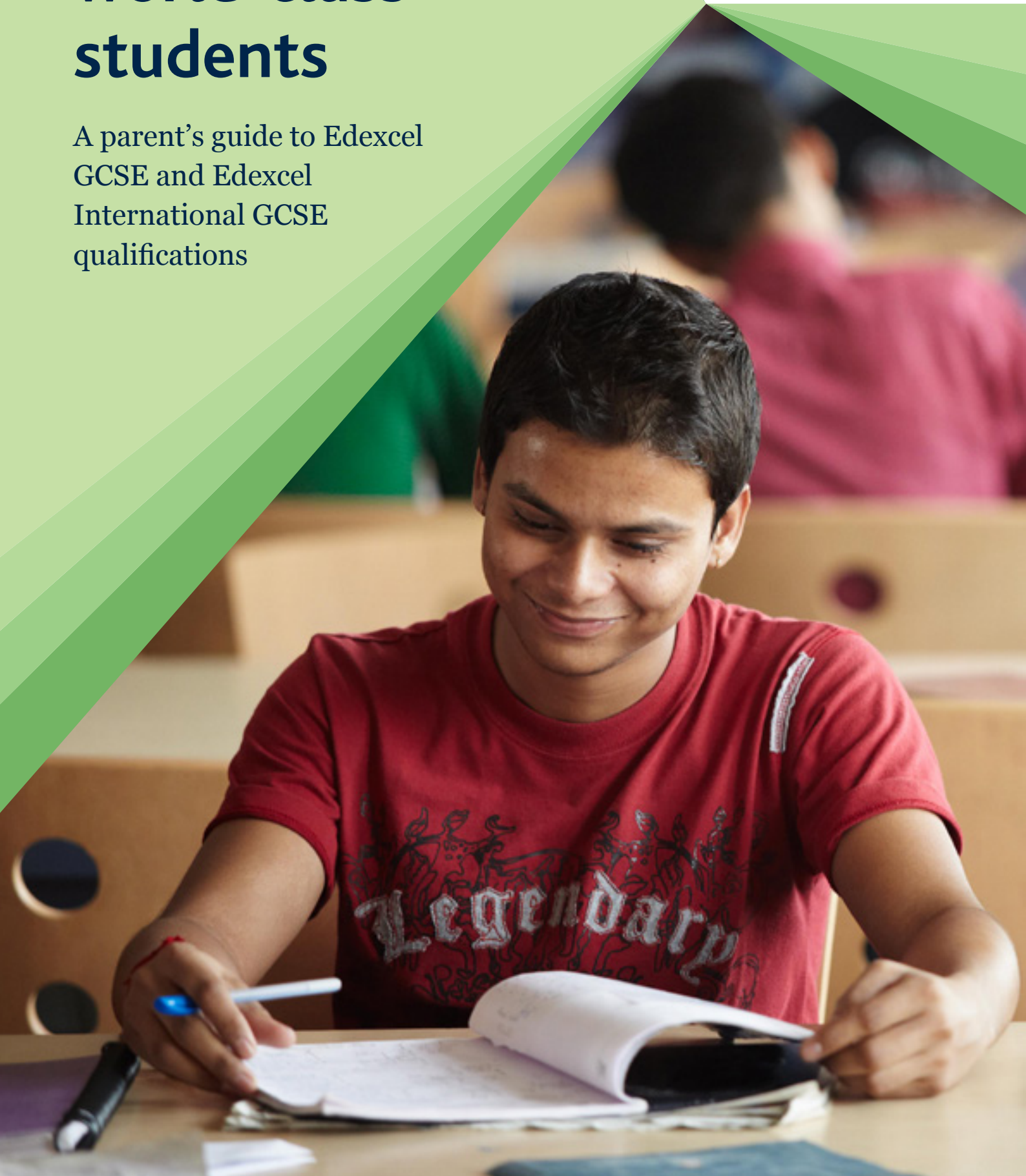


Preparing world-class students

A parent's guide to Edexcel
GCSE and Edexcel
International GCSE
qualifications



A heritage you can trust

At the core of everything we do at Pearson is the desire to make a measurable impact on improving people's lives through learning. From primary school to secondary school, through to professional certification; our qualifications help educate millions of people worldwide.

Edexcel qualifications combine the rigour, traditions and quality associated with **Pearson's 150 year history** as part of the British education system; with the methodology, content and support designed to enable your child to thrive in today's global society.

Our World Class Qualifications standards prepare students and open doors at the world's most **prestigious universities**.



Studying an Edexcel qualification is good because it is accepted in many countries or places. Taking an Edexcel qualification is one of the best indicators of the level of our knowledge.

Maggie Kwong, student, Macau



Globally recognised qualifications

The General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) is one of the most recognised and respected secondary qualifications in the world.

They equip students, generally aged 14-16, with the knowledge and skills required to progress seamlessly on to level 3 education, including Edexcel GCE A level, Edexcel International Advanced Level, BTEC or national qualifications.

At Pearson we offer a choice of GCSE solutions to suit the needs of the student.

The world renowned **Edexcel GCSE** follows the UK syllabus and provides a solid foundation for educational success.

Meanwhile **Edexcel International GCSE** has been developed to the same world-class standards, but with the global learner in mind. Where possible, our specialists have developed subject content to allow teachers to base work on their own country, making it more relevant to students.

Whatever your GCSE requirements, we have a solution for you.

Edexcel GCSE

- › Follow the UK syllabus
- › Combine coursework and exams*
- › Choose from over 40 subjects
- › Annual examinations in June

Edexcel International GCSE

- › Internationally focused course content
- › 100% exam based course in all subjects
- › Choose from over 40 subjects
- › Exam options in January and June

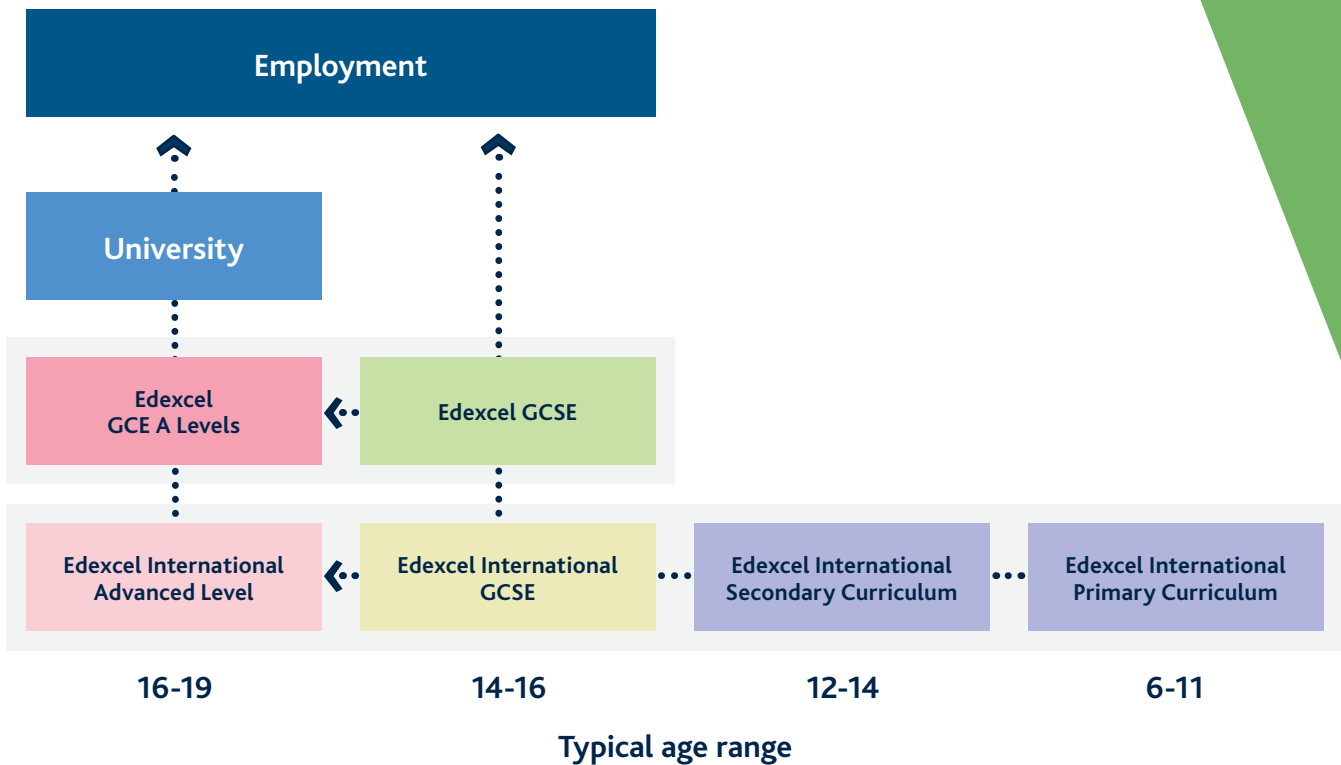
Both Edexcel GCSE and Edexcel International GCSEs can be studied together; in conjunction with national qualifications; or with vocational qualifications such as BTEC or LCCI, to provide a comprehensive suite of subjects to study.

*Proposed reforms by the UK government would see changes to GCSE qualifications for some subjects from September 2015. This would mean a linear structure with 100% external assessment by exam in June, and assessment using a new 1-9 grading scale to identify levels of performance, with 9 being the top level. To keep up to date with proposed changes, visit qualifications.pearson.com/edexcel-gcse-reform

We are also making some updates to our Edexcel International GCSEs for first teaching in September 2016 and 2017. To find out more please visit: qualifications.pearson.com/edexcel-internationalgcse-update



Progress to the next level



International GCSE Success Story

Ashfaq Faiz - Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Why did you choose Edexcel International GCSE?

The course is modern, well structured & examinations based. I decided to take International GCSEs as they are accepted by institutions around the world for higher studies.

The impact

I gained 7A's in the Edexcel International GCSE, and I am now studying for AS levels. Thanks to my ever supporting parents, school, teachers and Edexcel for helping me to gain a world class qualification.

Ashfaq Faiz's advice for other students...

"It is worth spending time and resources if you really care about your education."

Better technology. Better support

We have harnessed technology to improve the process and outcomes of learning. Innovations such as Results Plus, Results Plus Direct, e-resources and Ask-the-expert are progressive tools that help teachers teach and students to get the most out of our qualifications.

ResultsPlus can significantly benefit your child's learning experience by:

- › identifying potential topics, skills and types of questions where they may need to develop their learning further
- › delivering **detailed analysis** of exam performance at grade, unit and individual question level
- › providing **mock question papers** so that they can measure their performance before the next exam

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I use Results Plus to help me find out what results I need to get and what grade I am on. It shows me what I need to improve, what my standards are and what I should be getting

Student, Gumley House School, UK



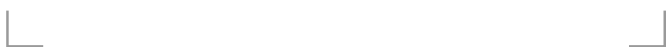
The best investment you could make for your child's future

By choosing Edexcel GCSE or Edexcel International GCSE your child will:

- › acquire qualifications that are considered the **world class standard** of academic success
- › gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to progress seamlessly on to A levels and then on to the world's most **prestigious universities**
- › benefit from the traditional quality of the British education system combined with a **progressive, international outlook**

Next steps

To find out more about Edexcel secondary school qualifications, please contact:



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