



Pearson Edexcel
Schools Conference –
KSA

Agenda

Time	Title	Speaker
08:30 – 09:00	REGISTRATION & COFFEE	
09:00 – 09:45	Welcome address with Adam Jama and Pearson Edexcel updates	Kathryn Booth
09:45 – 10:30	KEYNOTE – Shaping an Ambitious Nation in Innovative Schools	Dr. Steffen Sommer, Director General at MISK Schools
10:30 – 10:50	COFFEE BREAK	
10:50 – 11:30	ActiveLearn demo/school showcase	Mohammad Hasan
11:30 – 12:00	Qualifications support services and Marketing toolkit	Amanda McQuaid
12:00 – 1:00	LUNCH	



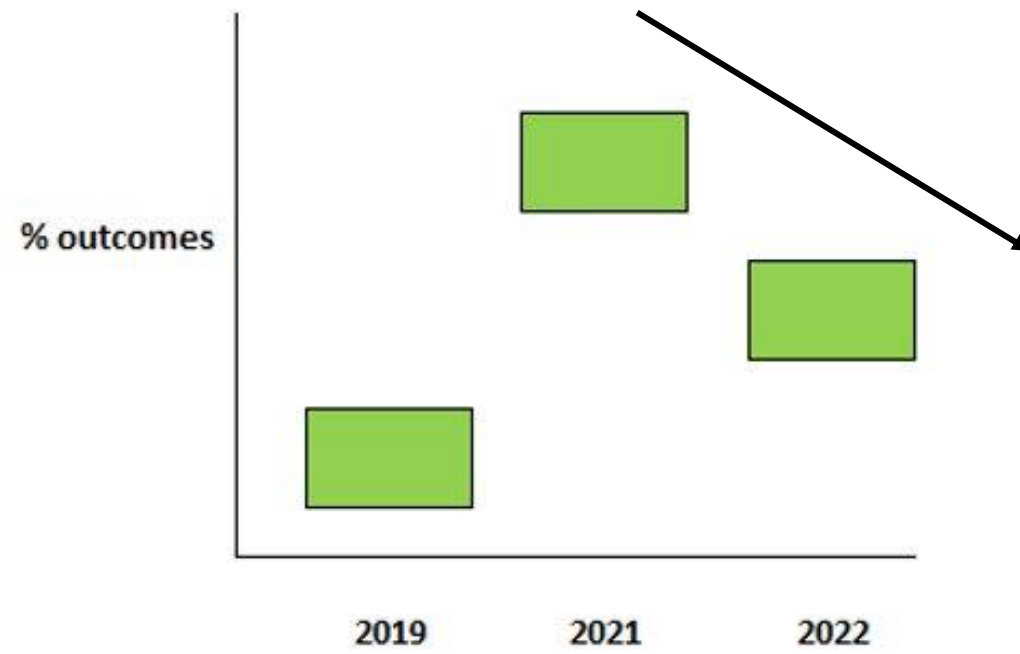
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Qualifications update
Kathryn Booth

Qualifications update



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Summer 22 results



Glide path back to 'the standard'

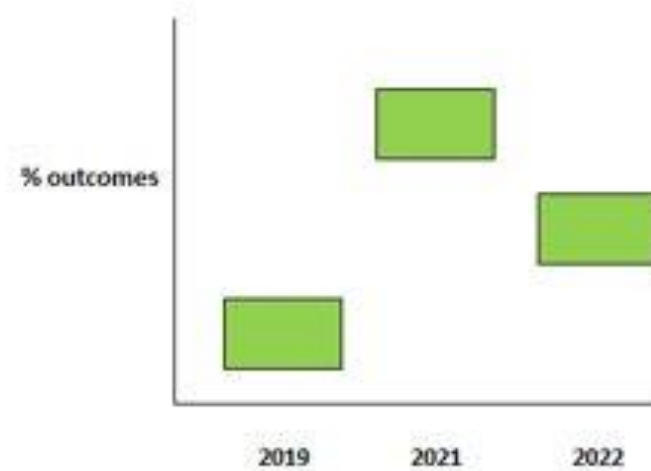
A reminder of what defines the outcomes:

- Statistics (what proportion get each grade): broadly kept consistent year on year
- Performance (i.e what the candidates can do): broadly expected to be the same year on year.

Both are used to set grade boundaries by examiners.

This is how ALL exam boards set standards.

Grade boundaries?



Grade boundaries in 2022 may be lower or higher than when summer exams were last sat in 2019, as in any other year.

However, the proportion of learners achieving each grade for qualifications will be more generous than 2019 but lower than 2021.

An example: IG Chemistry

	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
June 19	22.56	42.22	57.70	66.21	73.45	79.32	85.76	90.93	94.90	100
June 21	32.91	55.06	71.06	82.44	89.68	94.34	96.84	98.42	99.38	100
June 22	27.90	46.26	62.26	71.55	79.26	85.71	89.97	93.43	96.45	100

2019

Chemistry														
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	
4CH1	Chemistry Papers 1C & 2C	Subject	180	143	126	109	98	87	76	62	48	35	0	

2022

Chemistry														
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	
4CH1	Chemistry Paper(s) 1C 2C	Subject	180	140	117	95	80	65	51	41	31	21	0	

Summer 22 results

Standard set in...	Carried forward to...
June 2020	Oct 2020, Nov 2020, Jan 2021
June 2021	Oct 2021, Nov 2021, Jan 2022
June 2022	Oct 2022, Jan 2023

Observations around performance

No patterns specific to this series:

- In science, students struggled with practical questions....but this is usually seen.
- In Maths, problem solving was found difficult....but always is.

Summer 22 IG results

	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
KSA	26.61	46.08	64.24	77.62	88.22	93.90	97.14	98.40	99.20	100
Int'l	21.39	38.33	54.5	67.48	78.38	86.78	92.16	95.17	97.2	100

Summer 22 IG results – individual subjects

		9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
IG Biology	KSA	22.2	42.9	58.7	72.2	84.9	92.1	93.6	96.0	99.2	100
	International	24.4	42.4	57.7	69.1	78.3	86.2	90.1	93.6	96.3	100
IG Chemistry	KSA	32.1	49.2	64.9	74.6	85.8	90.3	94.0	97.0	100	100
	International	27.7	46.1	62.0	71.6	79.5	86	90.2	93.6	96.6	100
IG Human Bio	KSA	44.3	57.6	74.5	82.1	88.7	93.4	96.2	98.1	100	100
	International	26.4	47.0	61.2	71.5	79.9	87.8	92.4	95.4	97.4	100

Summer 22 IG results – individual subjects

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IG Maths	KSA	26.5	46.4	64.2	77.4	88.8	95.1	98.7	98.7	98.7	100
	International	20.7	37.9	54.8	67.1	79.7	90.4	95.2	96.5	97.3	100
IG Arabic	KSA	44.0	64.7	86.7	93.3	97.3	98.7	99.3	100	100	100
	International	28.5	48.2	67.4	79.2	88.1	92.7	96.8	98.5	99.6	100

Summer IAL results

IAS 2022	A	B	C	D	E
KSA	42.8	56.9	69.6	79.5	87.5
International	45.5	60.3	72.4	81.8	89.0

IAL 2022	A*	A	B	C	D	E
KSA	20.7	53.7	70.6	81.8	90.2	95.8
International	23.1	52.8	71.6	83.8	91.6	96.4

A photograph of two young women wearing hijabs, sitting on a grassy area outdoors. The woman on the left is wearing a black hijab and glasses, looking down at a book. The woman on the right is wearing a patterned hijab and is smiling while looking at the book. They appear to be studying together. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a bright light source, possibly the sun, creating a warm atmosphere.

International GCSE

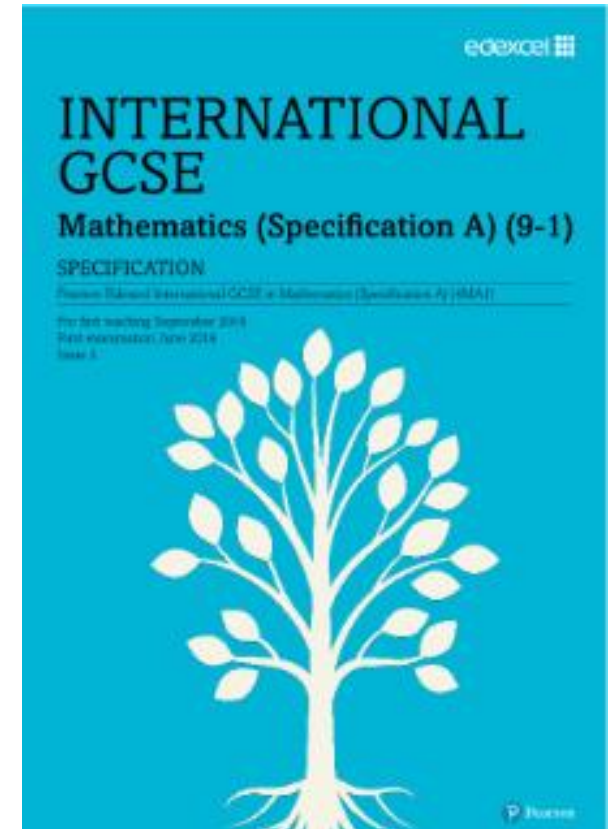
Mathematics

Foundation tier (Graded 5-1)

Higher (Graded 9-4) (3 allowed)

In both:

- 1: Numbers and the number system
- 2: Equations, formulae and identities
- 3: Sequences, functions and graphs
- 4: Geometry and trigonometry
- 5: Vectors and transformation geometry
- 6: Statistics and probability



How it is assessed

Foundation Tier (graded 1-5)

- 2 papers of 2 hours each
- 100 marks available for each
- Equally weighted
- Paper 1F (2 hours) – worth 50%
- Paper 2F (2 hours) – worth 50%

Higher Tier (graded 4-9, with 3 allowed)

- 2 papers of 2 hours each
- 100 marks available for each
- Equally weighted
- Paper 1H (2 hours) – worth 50%
- Paper 2H (2 hours) – worth 50%

Both tiers have a formula sheet provided for both papers.

Both papers will continue to allow calculators after 2024.

Schools tell us

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The specification is excellent preparation for A Level

- At topic level – includes rationalising surds and summation of sequences
- Problem solving exam questions that are closer to the style of A Level

Students find it easier to prepare for the exams

- Equally weighted papers and consistent question style keeps the format simple. Students can focus on revising maths content and not worry about what might be tested when!
- The formula sheet encourages students to practice applying their maths instead of memorising formulae.
- Allowing calculators on all papers is a much less stressful experience for students.

The curve

Example from 2019 – the most recent *usual* examinations.

Mathematics A				9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
Overall grade boundaries			Max Mark										
4MA1	Mathematics A (Foundation) Papers 1F & 2F	Subject	200					134	114	84	54	24	0
4MA1	Mathematics A (Higher) Papers 1H & 2H	Subject	200	150	125	101	81	61	41	31			0

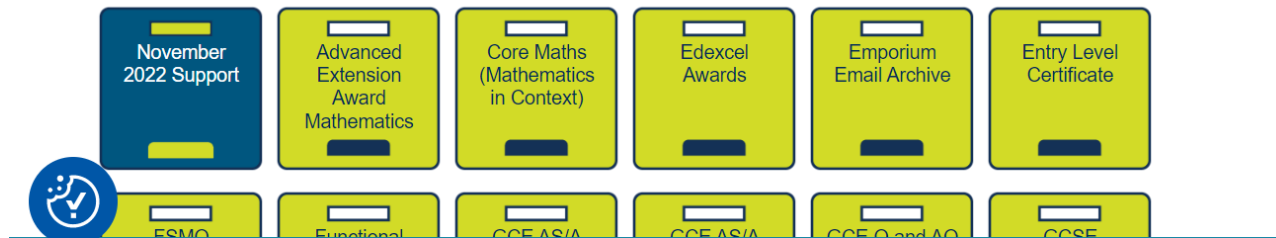
And from 2022, more lenient....

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Maths Emporium



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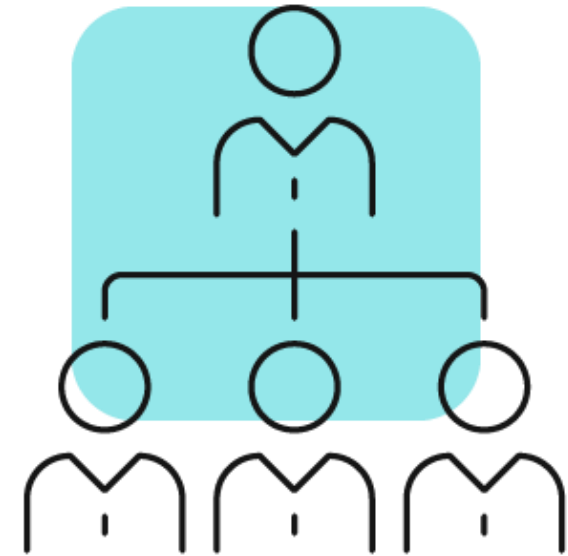
Free resource

Past papers from many syllabuses

<https://mathsemporium.com/>

The Pearson Onscreen Mocks Service

- The onscreen mock exams are sat by students, marked by Pearson examiners and the mock results are uploaded to ResultsPlus for detailed item level analysis.
- From the moment students submit their onscreen mock exams, our expert examining team will have the results returned to centres within 14 days.
- With flexible booking windows, your students can sit mock exams at a time that suits you.



Sciences

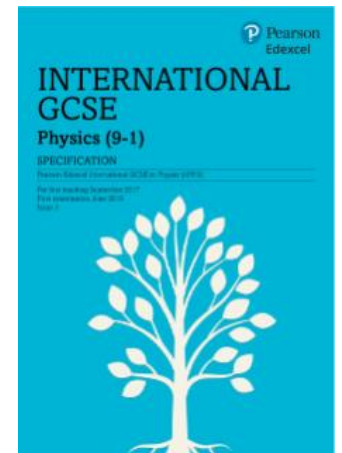
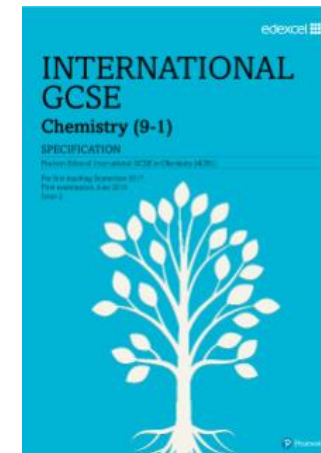
Pearson Edexcel International GCSE in Biology (4BI1) Chemistry (4CH1) and Physics (4PH1)

Graded 9-1, single tier

Each subject:

Paper 1 (2 hours) 61.1%

Paper 2 (1 hour 15) 38.9%

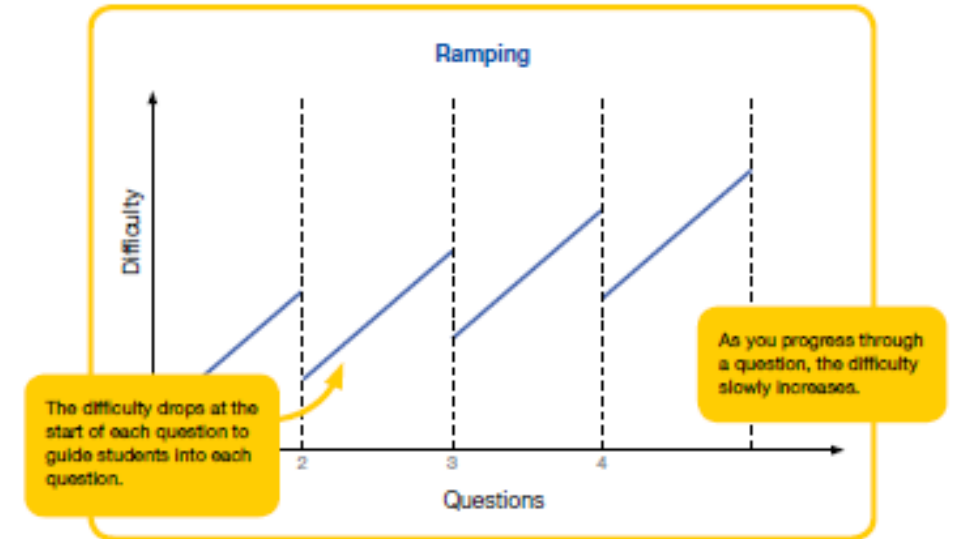


Both papers: mix of MCQ, short-answer, calculations and extended open-response.

Schools tell us

They love our approach to question papers

- We design our papers in a ramped approach, with questions increasing in demand, then dropping down in difficulty for the start of the next question.
- We group questions together around a topic to give students more thinking time, which can lead to breakthroughs as they answer the set, rather than giving up too quickly and moving on.
- Our papers are praised for their consistency and reliability.
- Fewer question papers than other exam boards.



Schools tell us

They like how our Assessment Objectives link to the next stage, and are assessed holistically

- Pearson's AOs are linked to those found at A Level, to support progression to the next stage of learning
- AO3 (Experimental skills) is tested throughout the Pearson papers – the integration of practical and theory develops a more holistic understanding of the content

The curve

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Physics													
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4PH1	Physics Papers 1P & 2P	Subject	180	135	115	96	85	75	65	54	43	33	0

Example from 2019 – the most recent *usual* examinations.

2022 is returning to the full standard so is slightly more lenient.

November IG series (IAL remains in Oct/Jan)

Pearson Edexcel
International GCSE –
November Exam Series



2022

2023

2024 AND BEYOND

MAY / JUNE

JANUARY

MAY / JUNE

NOVEMBER

MAY / JUNE

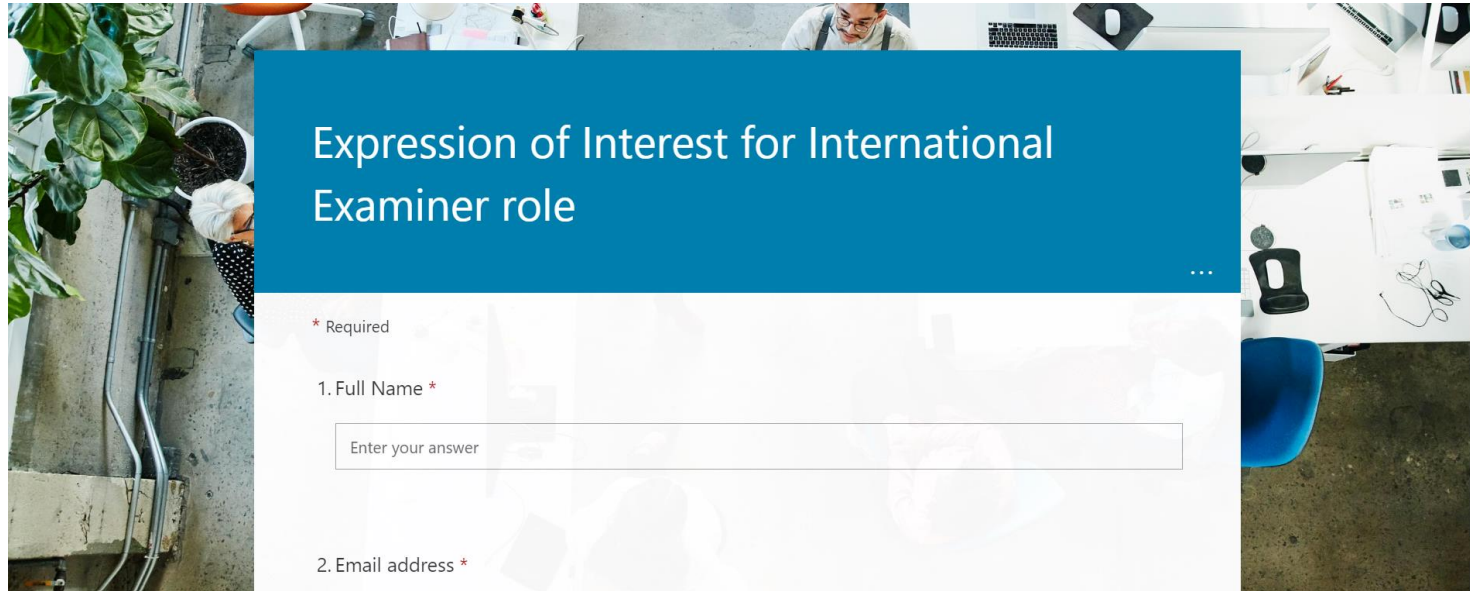
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Exam series for each qualification type

IAL	IG
May/June	May/June
October	November
January	

International examiners



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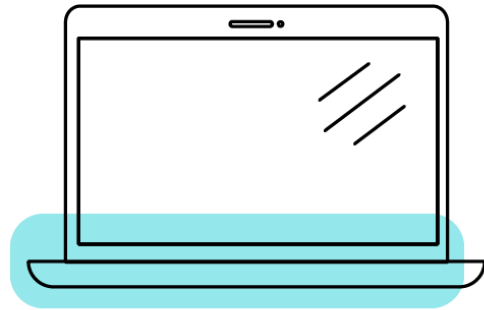
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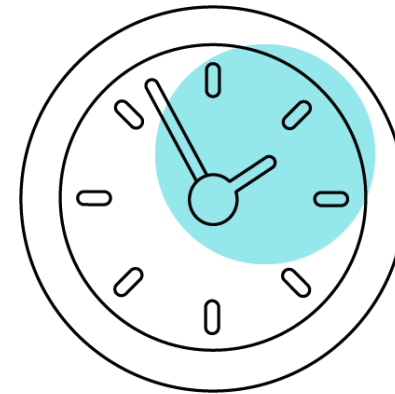
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What schools have told us

- Out of more than 1,120 teachers and school leaders we surveyed in 2021:



51% said they would be interested in **adopting onscreen assessment now** if it was available in their subject area



65% said they would be interested in adopting onscreen assessment **within 1-4 years**

Spotlight on our 2022 International GCSE Pilot



In summer 2022, we offered the **first onscreen assessments** for Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) English Language A to a number of pioneering schools in the Middle East and Europe.

What students said...



90% of students from the pilot said they think their school should offer **more onscreen assessment** in the future

I felt that the quality of my answers are much better onscreen than on paper.

It has definitely helped me feel confident with my English exam due to how much writing is required. It makes it easier to focus.

What teachers have said...

...after COVID it has highlighted that this is the way the world is moving forwards in terms of preparing our pupils to be global citizens

It is an impressive platform and would be **intuitive** to children

There are hurdles to overcome, but is **definitely** the future

Would be an instant switch for those pupils that currently use a word processor

Can see that this is just the start of what's to come

Being part of the innovation community - **important to us to be at the forefront**

Removes 'stigma' felt by learners with **accessibility** issues, all learners would be using same method of assessment



Shaping an Ambitious Nation in Innovative Schools

Dr Steffen Sommer
Director General of Misk Schools

Three Pillars

A Vibrant Society

strong roots, fulfilling lives, firm foundations

A Thriving Economy

rewarding **opportunities**, **investing** for the long term,
open for **business**, **leveraging up**

An Ambitions Nation

effectively governed, responsibly **enabled**

Ambitious Nations require innovative, life-long learners

- Aligned with the KSA Vision
- Well educated, thirsty for knowledge and discovery, hungry for on-going innovation
- Steeped in Saudi culture and its value system, global in mind-set and outlook
- Inclusive and caring
- Fiercely competitive
- Ready and prepared to take the lead within KSA, and on a global stage

High Performance and Leadership Key Component for Success

Aligning Schools in KSA

We now know that...

- The IQ is not static but a movable feast
- The brain is much more malleable than we had previously thought
- Intelligence can be created
- The DNA of the most successful learners has been decoded
- We have a matrix of how the most successful students learn
- We can now create successful learners
- School systems and teaching can be adapted to how the most successful student learn
- All learners can be successful and high-performing

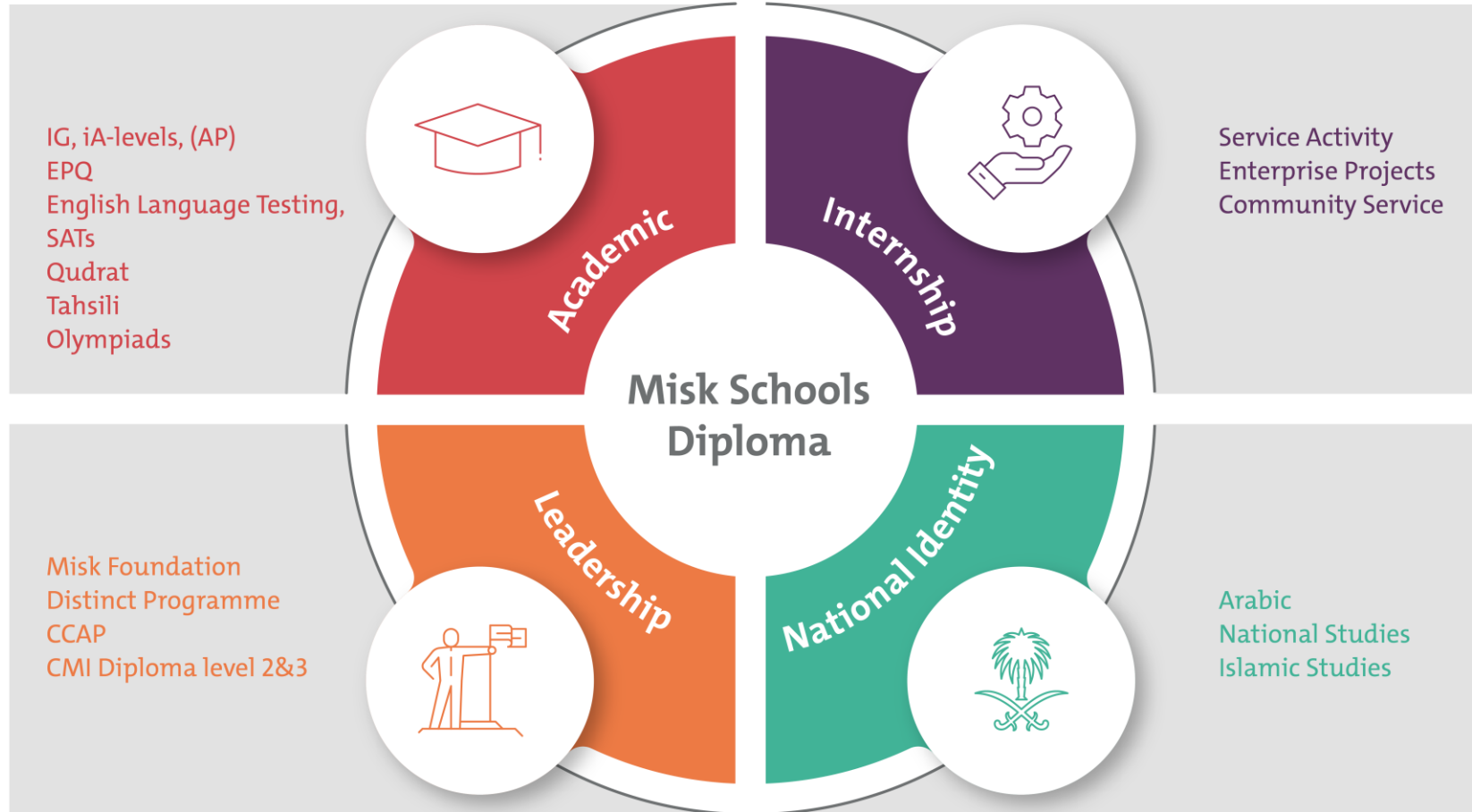
Helix of Successful Learning



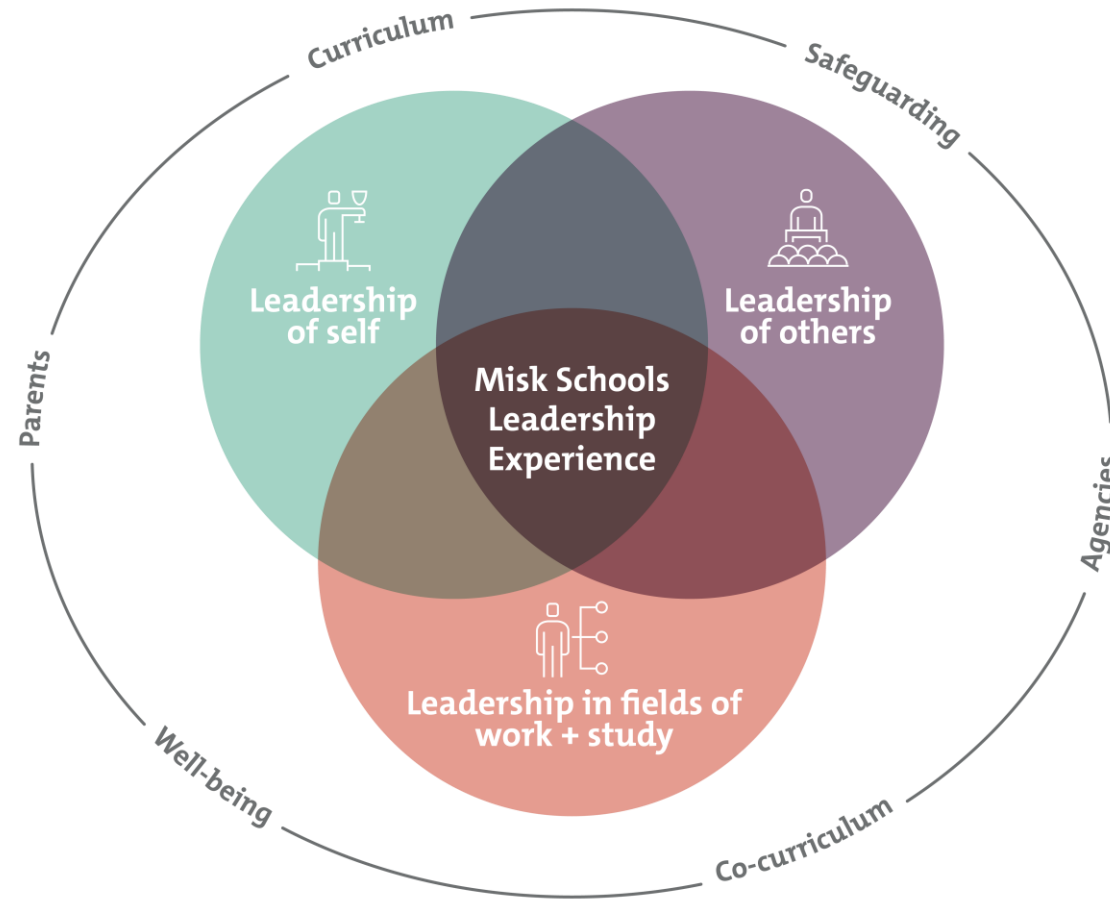
The High Performance Learner Profile



“Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.”
Albert Einstein



Interdisciplinary Learning of Leadership



Leadership is personal and situational, driven by internal and external circumstances
Leadership is generic and as such applicable across all industries
Leadership needs a sense of purpose and a conviction
Leadership is a trait, a skill, and a science
Leadership develops over time with the needs of society and the institution
Leadership feeds and feeds on the team it leads
Leadership is interdisciplinary and contextual
Leadership is learning and, with it, action
Leadership is plastic and malleable like the human brain
Leadership can therefore be learnt, continually improved and perfected
We know the DNA of high-performing leaders
Leadership training can be geared towards high performance as teaching can
High-performing leadership focuses on behavioural, situational and cognitive dimensions
High-performing leadership leaves nothing to chance
High-performing leadership is always agile, divergent in approach and uncompromisingly principled

Shaping Leaders in Schools – lessons for the future

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All **successful leaders** share many similar traits, styles and qualities, whatever their contexts.

All **transformational leaders** shape their contexts and, with it, their organisations according to the needs of time.



Connect with me





ActiveLearn demo /
school showcase

Mohammad Hasan



Pearson Edexcel Exam Support

Amanda McQuaid



How can we support you and help you to deliver our qualifications as effectively as possible?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zTsmzLxf6z4>



ResultsPlus is the free online results analysis tool for teachers which provides a detailed breakdown of student performance in Pearson Edexcel exams.



examWizard is a free tool for teachers containing a bank of past paper questions to help create their own bespoke mock exams and tests to focus on particular topic areas

We provide free orientation training on these services for your new staff.

Free Access to Scripts (ATS)

Access to Scripts (ATS) is a free online portal which allows teachers to immediately access electronically marked exam papers

- Providing visibility and transparency of marking
- Get a better understanding of marking before requests for enquiries about results are made
- An excellent aid for teaching and preparing other cohorts for examinations

Available instantly from results day for all our examination series, for a defined window, you can view and download scripts free of charge from our Self-Service Portal.



Pearson Professional Development Academy

- We have recently completed our Get Ready to Teach events for this academic term – recordings available if you missed the session.
- New online GRTT training events are scheduled for early 2023, you will receive an updated training calendar after the winter break.
- All training both free and paid for can be accessed through the [Pearson Professional Development Academy](#)

Ask your Regional Development Manager – Adam Jama for more details.

Pearson Subject Advisors

- Subject advisors are subject experts who have worked in their subject/sector/industry.
- They provide subject specific support and guidance to teachers and centres.
- They are available through multiple channels of communication including email, phone and social media.



Susan – Art,
Design and Media



Clare - English



Jon – Geography,
Travel & Tourism



Mark – History,
Esports



Irine - Science



Pearson Marketing toolkit

Helping you promote
your Pearson Edexcel partnership
to your wider school community



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Using our Approved Centre Logo

Once you are an approved Pearson Edexcel centre, you can display the Pearson Edexcel Approved Centre logos in your school marketing materials (for example on banners, prospectuses, posters and on your social channels).

Logos are available in black or white and monochrome options.

You can also use either the vertical or horizontal logo.



Vertical logo



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Marketing toolkit for schools

Support for your in-school marketing

We are on hand to support you with recruiting new students and promoting your Pearson Edexcel qualifications pathway with your wider school community using our marketing toolkit.

Bookmark this page as we regularly update the wide range of authorised marketing materials housed here for you to download and print to support all your marketing and promotional activities to parents, students, and other audiences.



<https://www.pearson.com/international-schools/marketing-toolkit-for-schools.html>

What you'll find there

95 (and counting) downloadable assets – and **15 different types** – that you can use in your online and offline activities:

- Approved centre logos
- Approved centre plaques
- PowerPoint presentations
- Downloadable brochures
- Classroom posters
- Event Banners
- Social Media Assets*
- Promotional and testimonial videos
- Infographics
- Latest catalogues
- Virtual backgrounds
- Image Bank*
- Press Release Kit
- Case Studies
- Link to blog articles

* coming soon

Approved centre logos

Once you are confirmed as an approved centre, you can use our logo alongside yours to communicate your approved centre status and partnership with us.

See our logos

Approved centre plaques

Display your approved centre plaque in a prominent position in your school to showcase your partnership with Pearson Edexcel.

See centre plaques

Pearson presentations

We have put together a collection of branded presentations to help you explain your Pearson Edexcel qualifications to your school community.

Download presentations

Downloadable brochures

Share our brochures with your school audience to help to promote and explain the key benefits of your Pearson Edexcel qualifications.

See all brochures

Classroom posters

Download and display these colourful posters highlighting the skills your students will learn throughout their learning journey with Pearson.

Download posters

School pull-up banners

Brighten your reception area, parent evenings and other in-school functions with these banners promoting your partnership with Pearson Edexcel.

Download banners

Social media assets

Share your Pearson Edexcel partnership with your school community with these engaging social media resources to keep your school brand top of mind.

Coming soon!

Pearson Edexcel videos

Share these videos at school open days or in reception to help your school community learn more about your Pearson Edexcel pathway.

Browse our videos

Sharable infographics

Use our infographics on their own or add to your school presentations to provide your audience with an overview of your Pearson Edexcel pathway.

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Our latest catalogues

Browse our latest range of print and digital resources to support your teachers and students with their Pearson Edexcel qualifications journey.

See latest catalogues

Virtual backgrounds

Download branded wallpapers for your desktop imagery or as a background for virtual sessions and promote your Pearson Edexcel partnership.

Download backgrounds

Royalty-free image bank

Browse our image bank for high quality photos of famous London, UK landmarks and images reflecting our values - ideal for your presentations.

Coming soon!

Editable press release kit

Adapt these template press releases and use them to help generate media coverage about your school's partnership with Pearson Edexcel.

Coming soon!

Case study templates

We would love to feature your school and learners on our channels! Just fill in your details at the online form here to submit your progression success stories.

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International schools blog

Share our blog with your school community - there are a whole host of posts for teachers, students and parents to help support their education journeys.

Read our latest articles

Additional support

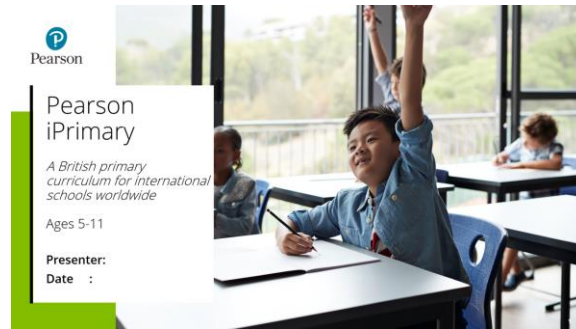
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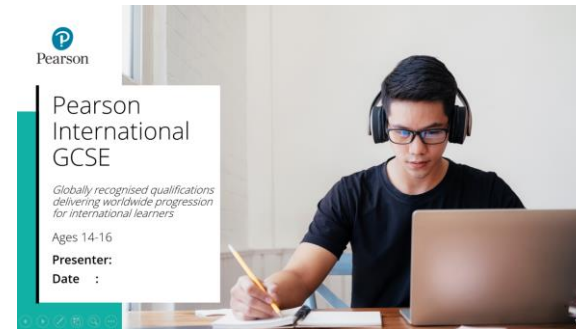
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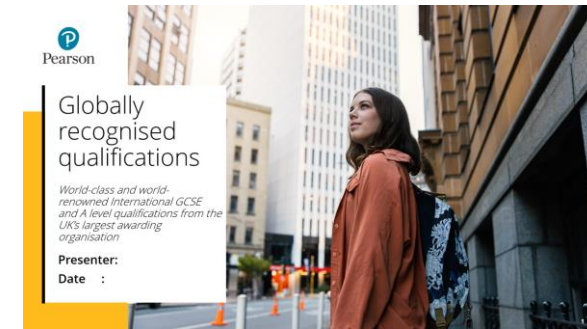
Quick introduction to Pearson and our heritage



Quick introduction to iPrimary



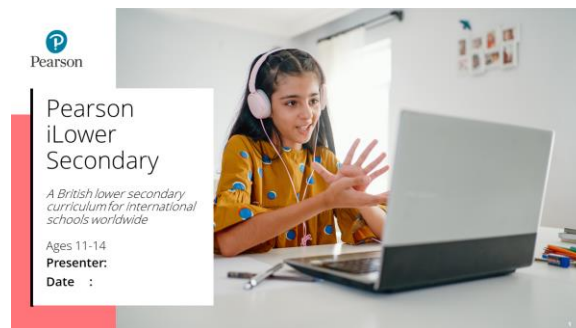
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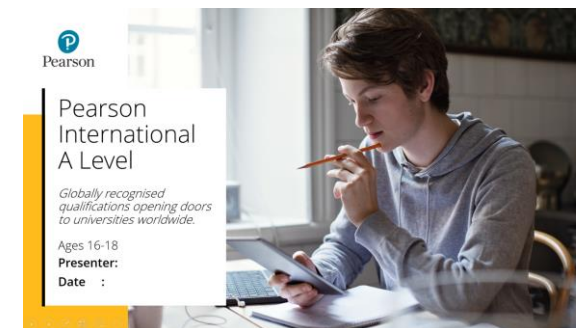
Quick overview of IAL recognition



Quick introduction to the Early Years Curriculum



Quick introduction to iLowerSecondary



Quick introduction to International A Level



Quick introduction to the concept of transferable skills

Promotional Banners

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Whatever path they choose, we're there for the journey

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Approved Centre

iP Pearson Edexcel

International Early Years Curriculum

Lay the foundation for future success

Ages 3 - 5

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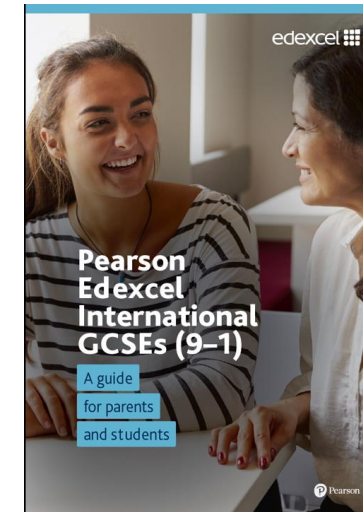
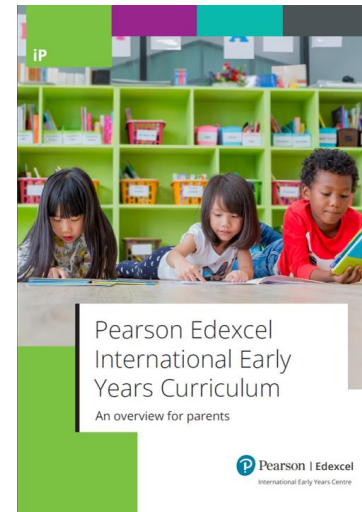
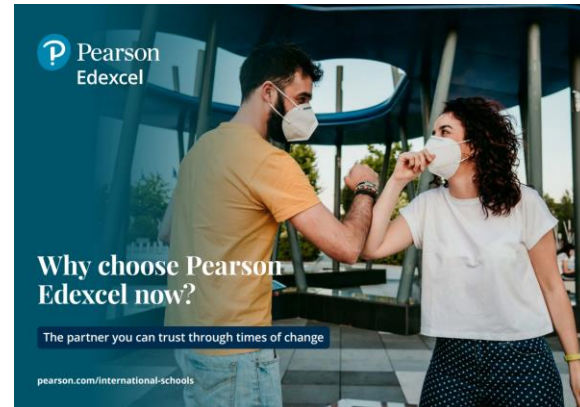
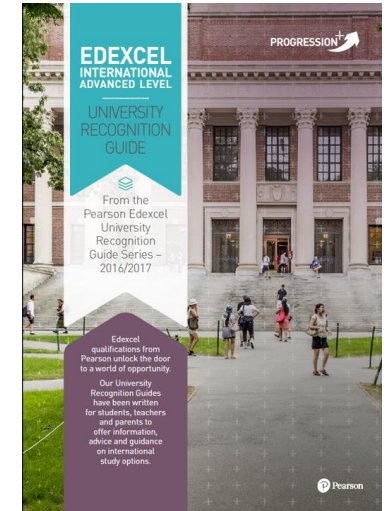
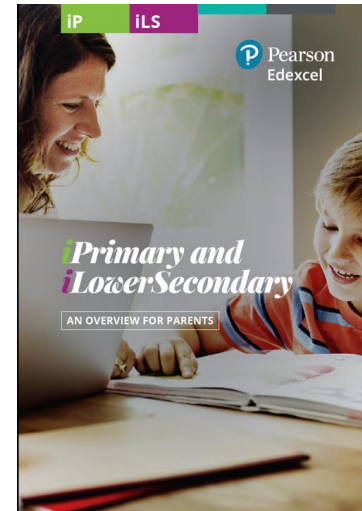
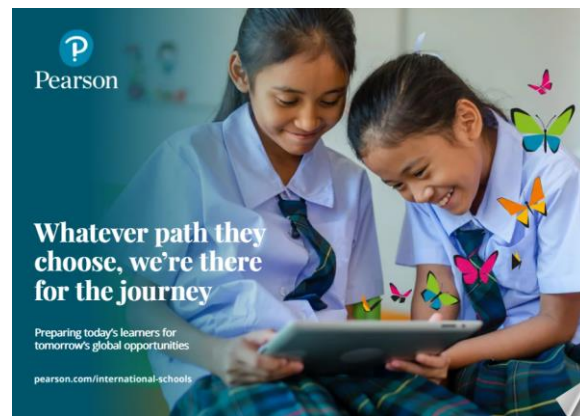
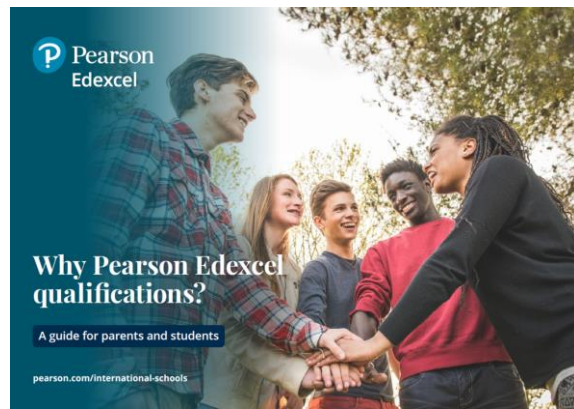
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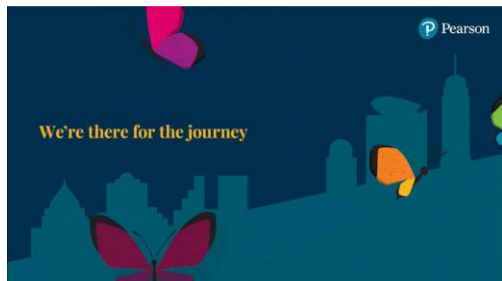
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Problem solving *(n):* The process of applying principles and concepts to find solutions to difficult or complex issues.


An academic qualification is only part of what is necessary for university study. Transferable skills such as problem solving skills will help you cope with the different demands of your degree studies and provide a solid skills base to help you thrive in the world of work. You'll develop these skills when studying for Pearson Edexcel qualifications.



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Self-management *(n):* The discipline of being directed or guided by oneself, especially as an independent agent.

Self-management is twice as strong a predictor of final grades than IQ. Developing transferable skills, which are clearly signposted in Pearson Edexcel qualifications and Student Books, will help you make progress in your life.



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Critical thinking *(n):* The strategies used to objectively analyse and evaluate a topic, problem or situation in order to form a judgement.

Transferable skills like critical thinking can help you in the process of shaping, presenting and building knowledge. Experts recognise that knowledge acquisition and the application of knowledge, which you will develop when studying for Pearson Edexcel qualifications, is something which transcends any individual academic discipline or learning situation.



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"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think."
Margaret Mead



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Universities and employers look for students and graduates with skills which enable them to better meet the demands of undergraduate study and the world of work. According to research, 1 in 3 of the skills required in a job posting is a 'soft' or transferable skill. You will develop these important transferable skills when studying for your Pearson Edexcel qualifications.



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Leadership *(n):* The action of leading a group of people or an organisation, or the ability to do this.


You can't always be 100% prepared for a changing world, but you can use the skills and knowledge you acquire when studying for your Pearson Edexcel qualifications to adapt successfully and meet future employment needs.



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Creativity *(n):* Inventiveness; the use of imagination or original ideas to create something.

Education leaders and employers are placing increasing emphasis on the importance of creativity. As the pace of global innovation accelerates, creativity skills will help learners participate and succeed when they join the workforce of the future. You will develop a range of important transferable skills when studying for your Pearson Edexcel qualifications.



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"Education is a continual process, it's like a bicycle... If you don't pedal you don't go forward."
George Weah



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"What makes a child gifted and talented may not always be good grades in school, but a different way of looking at the world and learning."
Chuck Grassley



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Team working *(n):* The action of working with someone or a group as an equal partner to produce an outcome.


As employers place more emphasis on team-based work, students who excel at collaboration are more likely to be valued applicants. You'll develop a range of important transferable skills when studying for your Pearson Edexcel qualifications.



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Communication *(n):* The imparting or exchanging of information by speaking, writing, or other means.

Communication skills are central to success in school, work and life. In a recent Pearson survey, employers ranked communication as the second most important employee skill, yet one that is lacking in many applicants. You will develop a range of important transferable skills when studying for your Pearson Edexcel qualifications.



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Wherever learning flourishes, so do people

Infographic

1936 Royal charter gives the University of London limited powers to conduct exams and confer degrees on its students.

1905 The University of London Extension Board was founded in 1902 and the first University of London school examinations were set in 1905.

1918 The first national qualifications for England, Wales and Northern Ireland were introduced. The School Certificate was taken at 16 and the Higher School Certificate at 18. Exam boards had previously offered their own qualifications.

1951 General Certificate of Education (GCE) replaces the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate. The new GCE qualification has three levels: ordinary (O levels) and advanced (A levels).

1965 The Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE) was introduced in 1965 when the UK government realised that large numbers of school-leavers were leaving school without any qualifications. Joined at the 20th-century-old students who were not studying O levels, CSEs were administered on a local basis with local boards that had been detached from universities.

1973 The Technician Education Council (TEC) was established to rationalise and improve the relevance of sub-degree vocational education in FE and HE colleges and in polytechnics. Within 18 months, BEC took over responsibility for CSEs, O levels, HNCs and HNDs.

1974 The Business Education Council (BEC) was established to rationalise and improve the relevance of sub-degree vocational education in FE and HE colleges and in polytechnics. Within 18 months, BEC took over responsibility for CSEs, O levels, HNCs and HNDs.

1986 Two-tier system of O levels and CSEs replaced with GCSEs in the UK, now recognised as the leading academic qualification for 14-16-year-olds. This change led to new regional consortia being formed for GCSEs, as CSEs and O levels had previously been administered by different exam boards.

1996 Edexcel was formed by the merger of the Business & Technology Education Council (BTEC) and London Examinations (LUEA), which administered GCSEs and A levels. London Examinations' heritage stretched back, through several mergers of examinations boards, to the University of London Extension Board founded in 1902.

2005 Edexcel, the UK's leading awarding organisation of academic qualifications, joins the Pearson family.

2011 Pearson creates Pearson College, a degree provider based in London and Manchester.

2013 Pearson makes public commitment to efficacy a series of unique commitments designed to measure and increase the company's impact on learning outcomes around the world.

2018 Pearson Edexcel, the world's leading learning company and the UK's largest awarding body, setting the standard for worldwide recognised qualifications, built on the British educational system and accepted by universities worldwide.

World-class and world-renowned

Edexcel qualifications open the doors to the world's most prestigious universities. Demanding, rigorous and empowering, Edexcel International Advanced Levels are developed to Pearson's world-class standards and equip students to excel at degree level.

W Edexcel IALs are universally accepted and prepared me well for applying to top universities. This course of study also gave me a solid foundation for my university studies as it covered lots of different subject areas.
*Hafsa Ali, studying Mathematics, University of Warwick

W I chose IALs to gain specialist knowledge and enter for a top university. IALs provided me with the knowledge and techniques to have the same chance as other candidates internationally.
*Tayeb U., studying Mathematics, Oxford University

W Mathematics A level provided me with knowledge on a variety of topics that had not been covered in the Spanish system, but were then taught at university. The Physics course provided the appropriate mental structure that allowed me to understand difficult concepts quicker.
*Azees Carim-Drew, studying Mathematics Physics, University of Bristol

W I wanted to study a course that allowed me to learn and think in different ways. I liked the mix of lecture style teaching with interactive elements that enabled me to test my skills in different areas. The course was excellent preparation for university.
*Lee Brad, studying Medicine, University of Toronto

W I wanted to study subjects that were relevant to a future career and that I enjoyed. Edexcel IALs provide students with a firm knowledge base.
*Niamh Simpson, studying Chemical Engineering, in university

W I have developed a greater passion and understanding of the subjects I studied. Edexcel qualifications are the most respected and popular qualifications in the world and enabled me to progress to the UK university of my choice.
*Danyang Wang, studying Civil Engineering, Imperial College London

W In addition to expanding my academic knowledge, I also gained other skills, such as time management and decision making during my studies.
*Yasmeen Raza, studying Business Science, London School of Economics and Political Science

W Edexcel IAL qualifications place more emphasis on the student's understanding of what they have learned, not merely testing what they have memorized from a textbook.
*Peggy Ho, studying Law, University of Hong Kong

W I would recommend Edexcel IALs as the information is very up-to-date. The course was rigorous and enabled me to think critically to stretch myself further.
*Hannah Lee, studying Business, International Medical University, Malaysia

W Edexcel IALs prepared me so much for university and I was successful in getting offers and a scholarship to the Australian university of my choice.
*Pearson University, Pearson University, University of Tasmania

Edexcel International GCSE

THE 9-1 GRADING SCALE EXPLAINED

CURRENT	NEW	EXPLANATION
A*	9	The new grade 9 represents a new level of achievement and has been introduced to differentiate your top performing students.
A	8	The bottom of the grade 9 aligns with the bottom of the grade A.
B	7	The bottom of the grade 7 aligns with the bottom of the grade B.
C	6	There's greater differentiation in the middle of the scale, with grades 6, 5 and 4 being equivalent to the old grades B and C.
D	5	The bottom of the grade 5 aligns with the bottom of the grade C.
E	4	The bottom of the grade 4 aligns with the bottom of the grade C.
F	3	
G	2	The bottom of the grade 2 aligns with the bottom of the grade C.
U	1	

U The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) will regulate qualifications, examinations and assessments in England.

U Because many universities will continue to publish Pearson Level and International A-Level results that meet their admission criteria.

9-1 GRADING FACTS

FACT The new 9-1 grading scale was introduced by the UK government as part of GCSE reform in England and "Ofqual" is responsible for implementing these changes in the UK.

FACT The bottom of the grade 9 aligns with the bottom of the grade A, the bottom of the grade 8 aligns with the bottom of the grade C, and the bottom of the grade 7 aligns with the bottom of the grade G. So it will be awarded using the same viable processes as the old A* - G grading.

FACT Pearson Edexcel will be awarded using the 9-1 grading scale. Our international GCSE students will have the same opportunity with the opportunity of them wanting their first 9-1 grades in 2019.

FACT Grade 9 is not the same as A* - it is a new grade, designed to recognise the very higher performing students, but there will be lower grades in than there are currently A*.

FACT You can't directly compare the top 20% of candidates that had 9-1 grades and the new 9-1 grading scale. It is providing greater differentiation across the scale, so the bar will never be fully comparable.

FACT Only the top 20% of candidates that achieved Grade A and above will achieve Grade 9 in the new qualifications.

FACT Pearson Edexcel will be the first awarding body to offer this scale for International GCSEs, announcing the new early in 2018. This will ensure that teachers, parents, students, employers and universities had enough time to prepare for the change.

FACT Universities will continue to accept GCSE and International GCSE qualifications using the new 9-1 grading scale.

2019

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Watch the UK government's video about the new 9-1 grading

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“The proposed model and assessment questions would certainly support progression to higher levels and secure these qualifications as being rigorous and challenging.”
Allison, Aston University, UK

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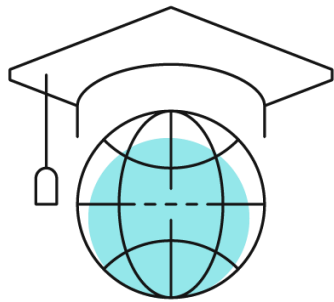
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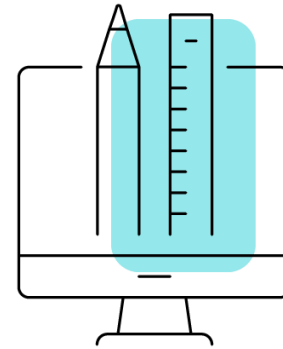
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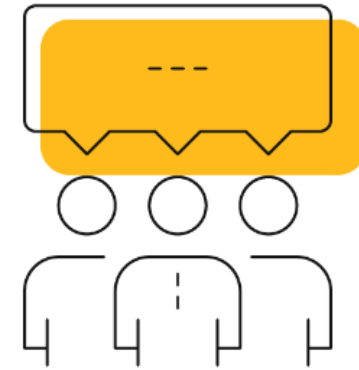
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Over **1,000 universities** worldwide recognise IAL qualifications for entry.

80% of the World University Ranking Top 20 Universities from all favourite education destinations globally recognise IAL qualifications for entry.

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This list presents organisations that have agreed to help demonstrate Pearson Edexcel IAL recognition around the world. International A levels are developed to the same high standard as Pearson Edexcel GCE A levels which are accepted* by universities worldwide.

The document should not be interpreted as an exhaustive global record as institutions may not appear for various reasons not linked to recognition itself. For example, our annual [‘university destinations’](#) snapshots include universities and admissions bodies who receive Pearson Edexcel IAL student results and are not yet on this recognition list.

Please [bookmark this page](#) as this list is updated monthly. If you are a university and would like to be added to the list please see: qualifications.pearson.com/recognition

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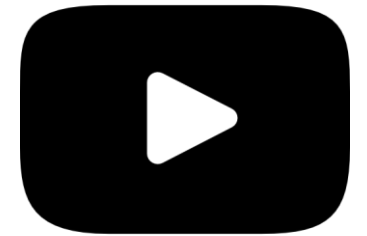
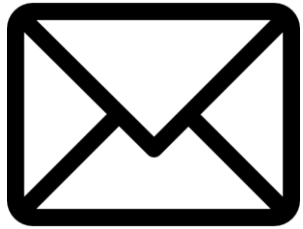
The screenshot shows the Pearson International Schools website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Pearson logo, a search icon, and links for 'Why Choose Pearson?', 'British Curriculum', 'International Baccalaureate Curriculum', 'Blog', and 'Contact Us'. Below the navigation bar, the breadcrumb trail reads 'PEARSON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS > Blog'. The main content area features a large image of a smiling man in a white shirt in front of a wall with the 'academia Your Home of Learning' logo. To the right of the image is the article title: 'Around the world: Pearson Edexcel helps teachers and students shine at Academia International School, Zürich'. Below the title is a short paragraph: 'Preparing students for progression to university requires more than just a strong grounding in academic understanding, students also need to...'. The author is listed as 'By Suzie Williams August 18, 2022'. At the bottom of the article preview, there are navigation arrows and the text '4 of 6'.

The screenshot shows a Facebook post from 'Pearson International Schools', which has 1,919 followers and was posted 1 week ago. The post text reads: 'We caught up with the team at Academia International School in Zürich, Switzerland, to find out how Pearson Edexcel qualifications are helping their learners develop a global mindset and achieve their ambitions of entering the university of their choice. Read more here: <https://bit.ly/3D25Nzs>'. Below the text is a large image of the same man from the website screenshot. At the bottom of the post, there is a caption: 'Around the world: Pearson Edexcel helps teachers and students shine at Academia International School, Zürich' and a link to the blog post: 'blog.pearsoninternationalschools.com • 5 min read'. The post also includes interactive buttons for 'Like', 'Comment', 'Share', and 'Send'.

The screenshot shows an email newsletter from Pearson International Schools. At the top, it says 'You are receiving this email because you signed up to receive regular International Baccalaureate curriculum newsletters from Pearson International Schools.' Below this is a large image of a woman looking at a laptop. To the right of the image is the text 'International Schools update'. Below the image, it says 'International Baccalaureate curriculum' and 'July 2022'. The main heading of the newsletter is 'It's been a busy school year'. Below this is a paragraph: 'But we've made it! The end of another school year marks an opportunity to think back on everything you've achieved and to look ahead to next year's teaching and learning. Here are a few things that you might want to revisit, as well as a sneak peek at what's coming up.' At the bottom, it says 'Best wishes, The Pearson International Schools Team'.

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