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Guidance

## Changes to GCSEs, AS and A levels that will affect each current school year group

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This document gives an overview of the changes that will happen to GCSEs, AS levels and A levels. Go to the heading for your child's current year group (for the academic year that started in September 2014) to see what the changes will be for them.

## 1. Year 12

### 1.1 Summer 2016

Students currently in year 12 will have the last opportunity to take exams in old style AS and A2 qualifications in:

- art and design
- biology
- business

- chemistry
- computer science
- economics
- English language
- English language and literature
- English literature
- history
- physics
- psychology
- sociology

## 2. Year 11

### 2.1 Summer 2015

Students currently in year 11 will take new exams in English and English language for GCSEs graded A \* to G.

### 2.2 September 2015

Students will start learning new AS levels and A levels in:

- art and design
- biology
- business

- chemistry
- computer science
- economics
- English language
- English language and literature
- English literature
- history
- physics
- psychology
- sociology

### **2.3 Summer 2016**

Students have the opportunity to take new AS level exams in:

- art and design
- biology
- business
- chemistry
- computer science
- economics
- English language

- English language and literature
- English literature
- history
- physics
- psychology
- sociology

## **2.4 Summer 2017**

Students will take exams for new AS and A levels in:

- art and design
- biology
- business
- chemistry
- computer science
- economics
- English language
- English language and literature
- English literature
- history
- physics

- psychology
- sociology

Students will have the last opportunity to take exams in old style AS and A2 qualifications in:

- ancient languages
- dance
- drama and theatre
- geography
- modern foreign languages (French, German, Spanish)
- music
- physical education
- religious studies

## **3. Year 10**

### **3.1 Summer 2016**

Students currently in year 10 will take the last exams for GCSEs, graded A \* to G, in:

- English
- English language
- English literature
- maths

### 3.2 September 2016

In addition to the subjects listed in section 2.2, students will be taught new AS levels and A levels in:

- ancient languages
- dance
- drama and theatre
- geography
- modern foreign languages (French, German, Spanish)
- music
- physical education
- religious studies

### 3.3 November 2016

November resits in GCSE maths, English and English language happen for the last time.

### 3.4 Summer 2017

Students will take exams for new AS levels in:

- ancient languages
- dance
- drama and theatre
- geography
- modern foreign languages (French, German, Spanish)
- music
- physical education

- religious studies

### **3.5 Summer 2018**

Students will take exams for new A levels in:

- ancient languages
- dance
- drama and theatre
- geography
- modern foreign languages (French, German, Spanish)
- music
- physical education
- religious studies

Last exams for old-style AS and A2 qualifications in:

- further maths
- maths
- design and technology

## **4. Year 9**

### **4.1 September 2015**

Students currently in year 9 will start learning new GCSEs, graded 9 to 1, in:

- English language
- English literature
- maths

## 4.2 Summer 2017

Students take the last exams for GCSEs, graded A \* to G, in:

- ancient languages
- art and design
- biology
- chemistry
- citizenship studies
- computer science
- dance
- double science
- drama
- geography
- history
- religious studies
- modern foreign languages (French, German, Spanish)
- music



- physical education
- physics

### **4.3 September 2017**

Students will be taught new AS and A levels in:

- further maths
- maths
- design and technology

### **4.4 November 2017**

Students get the chance to take resit exams for new GCSEs in English language and maths.

### **4.5 Summer 2018**

Students take exams for new AS levels in:

- further maths
- maths
- design and technology

### **4.6 Summer 2019**

Students take exams for new A levels in:

- further maths
- maths
- design and technology

## 5. Year 8

### 5.1 September 2016

Students currently in year 8 will start learning new GCSEs, graded 9 to 1, in:

- ancient languages
- art and design
- biology
- chemistry
- citizenship studies
- computer science
- food preparation and nutrition
- dance
- double science
- drama
- geography
- history
- modern foreign languages (French, German, Spanish)
- music
- physical education
- physics

- religious studies

## 5.2 Summer 2018

Students will take exams for new GCSEs, graded 9 to 1, in:

- ancient languages
- art and design
- biology
- chemistry
- citizenship studies
- computer science
- food preparation and nutrition
- dance
- double science
- drama
- geography
- history
- modern foreign languages (French, German, Spanish)
- music
- physical education
- physics

- religious studies

## **6. Year 7**

### **6.1 September 2017**

Students currently in year 7 will start learning new GCSEs, graded 9 to 1, in all remaining subjects.