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A guide for parents

Pearson Edexcel International
GCSEs

Modern qualifications for globally minded students

Congratulations! Your child's school has chosen to offer Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs, providing them with a world-class education, access to the latest teaching, learning, and assessment methods and equipping your child with a globally recognised qualification. With Pearson Edexcel GCSEs, they will have the knowledge and skills they need to progress in their careers and thrive throughout their life.

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About this guide

Introducing Pearson Edexcel International GCSE qualifications

Helping your child choose their International GCSE options is a key moment in both your lives. It's an important time and we know you want to get it right.

In this guide, you'll learn more about Pearson Edexcel International GCSE qualifications, the recognition and progression they enjoy and the subject options available for your child to choose from. You'll also learn about some of the other assessment options available with Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs, such as modular assessment and onscreen assessment, to best support your child succeed in their exams.

We wish you and your child all the best with the next stage of their education journey!

“I chose Pearson Edexcel international qualifications because of their global recognition and commitment to quality education. The rigorous curriculum and diverse subject choices have not only prepared me for university but also helped me grow in critical thinking and adaptability. To students considering Pearson Edexcel, I highly recommend it for its credibility, comprehensive learning experience, and the opportunities it opens for a bright future.”

Win Pyae Aung, Taylor's University Malaysia undergraduate (Foundation degree)

Our international qualifications and resources deliver results

See what our schools and learners say. Scan the QR code or search 'success stories' at [pearson.com/international-schools](https://www.pearson.com/international-schools).



Welcome to Pearson

As the world's leading learning company, our mission at Pearson is to help people realise the life they imagine through learning.

We offer international qualifications and assessments designed specifically for international students, that are recognised and accepted by universities all over the world and provided to your child's school by a trusted and respected awarding body with a long history of qualifications provision.

We work together with international schools around the world to make a positive difference to learners' lives and we believe the best part of working in education is seeing learners progress.

Let's make a difference to your child's future, together.

We are trusted

Your child's school has chosen to partner with us, joining thousands of schools around the world who have done the same and are enjoying the benefits for their educators and learners.

We are innovative

These schools value our innovation and our world-renowned curriculum content and qualifications and benefit from the choice and flexibility we offer. We are delighted to provide your child's school with the same range of opportunities, supporting your child's educational journey.

We are with you

Our international schools trust us and work closely with their local Pearson consultants who share their vision and work every day to help them achieve it. This trusted partnership ensures your child receives the very best educational support, while you as parents benefit from the assurance that your child's school is backed by a dedicated team invested in their success.



Our qualifications heritage stretches back **over 100 years**



More than **3.5 million students** take our qualifications globally each year



Our Pearson Edexcel international and UK qualifications are offered in **more than 115 countries worldwide**



We mark **over 10 million exam scripts** per year on behalf of the UK Department for Education



Our international and UK qualifications are **recognised and accepted** by universities all over the world



“I started studying Pearson Edexcel when I was a kid, and I immediately found the books and lessons very engaging. The curriculum felt fun and easy to understand, which made learning enjoyable instead of stressful. This helped me build confidence in my studies and motivated me to keep improving. I believe Pearson Edexcel qualifications will support me in reaching a high academic level and eventually entering a top university. To other students, I would say: if you want a curriculum that is clear, enjoyable, and prepares you well for the future, Pearson Edexcel is a great choice.”

Nada Yousef, Pearson Edexcel International GCSE student,
Oya International School, Libya

“In Pearson Edexcel, we found a partner that mirrors our belief: that academic excellence must meet real-world relevance. We chose Pearson because it opens doors across the world. Its International GCSE and International A Level qualifications are accepted by top universities in the UK, USA, Australia and beyond, giving our learners the wings to dream, travel, and lead.”

Hajra Jahangir, Founding Principal,
Cornerstone School, Pakistan



Modern, progressive International GCSE qualifications

About International GCSEs

International GCSEs are globally recognised subject-specific qualifications with academic content and assessment designed specifically for 14- to 16-year-old international learners.

They are benchmarked, grade for grade, against the UK GCSE (General Certificates of Secondary Education) which are taken by students in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. GCSEs have been used as a benchmark to judge student ability for more than 25 years.

International GCSEs and UK GCSEs mainly involve studying the theory of a subject combined with some investigative work. Highly valued by schools, universities and employers, they are the first step towards further study at A level, International Baccalaureate, or direct entry into a range of careers.

Assessment options

For many subjects, we offer a choice of assessment options. Exams can be taken in one exam series at the end of the programme of study (linear), or throughout the course as individual modules (modular).

A modular approach means that exams can be taken and resat in any International GCSE exam series, giving students more exam practice

and more opportunities to receive feedback to improve their performance. While this approach works well for students who want to reduce the mental load at exam time, doing exams all in one go at the end of a period of study, the linear route, suits others better.

Also popular with students, onscreen assessment is available in addition to paper-based exams for a growing number of qualifications. We have a wealth of experience of developing and delivering onscreen high stakes assessments at scale in a range of educational settings, so you can feel confident that our onscreen platform is tried and tested.

What this means for you

You can trust Pearson Edexcel International GCSE qualifications; thousands of students around the world take these same qualifications every year, progressing onto International A levels (IAL[®]) and to the world's most respected universities.

We're excited to support your child alongside their teachers as they take the next step in their education journey.

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Recognised worldwide for academic excellence

Preparing your child with transferable skills and knowledge

Renowned across the world for academic excellence, International GCSEs lay the groundwork for your child to progress to the most prestigious universities across the world.

They are designed to instill and embed the skills that help children grow into resilient, curious and globally connected young adults. Opportunities to develop transferable skills such as problem solving, critical thinking, leadership and collaboration, are integrated throughout each of our Pearson Edexcel International GCSE qualifications to ensure learners have the skills and knowledge they need to progress onto International A levels (IAL[®]); the next level of study.

For example, the strong focus on critical thinking in Pearson Edexcel International GCSE Science helps prepare students for studying this subject at International A level (IAL[®]).

Learn more about your child's International GCSE options on pages 8–21.

“I chose these qualifications because they are globally recognised by universities all over the world and studying abroad has always been my biggest dream. They're designed with a global perspective which I believe will allow me to apply internationally with ease, knowing my qualifications meet the global standards.”

Rethabile Mokuinihi, New Millennium International School Lesotho, Africa

Rethabile studied Pearson Edexcel iLower Secondary followed by Pearson International GCSEs.

From International GCSE to flexible, modular A levels

Pearson Edexcel International GCSE qualifications are excellent preparation for Pearson International A levels (IAL[®]) and other Level 3 qualifications such as BTEC and the International Baccalaureate.

As the next step up from International GCSE, Pearson Edexcel International A levels (IAL[®]) are designed for students aged 16 to 18 who want to progress to the best universities around the world. They use the popular and flexible modular approach which means exams are taken at the end of each unit of study or throughout the programme of study when students feel prepared and ready.

We work closely with higher education institutions around the world to secure recognition for our qualifications and are proud to confirm that IALs are recognised and accepted for entry to more than 650 leading universities worldwide.

Worldwide university recognition

Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs are excellent preparation for International A levels (IAL[®]) and progression onto the world's top universities.

Close to 1,500 universities across the world formally recognise Pearson Edexcel international qualifications, including the world's top 20 universities, all UK universities, 260 universities in the US and leading universities in 56 other countries.

But remember, universities recognise the qualification level, not the examination board. An International A level from one awarding body has the same value as an International A level from another.

About the 9–1 grading scale 1

In 2014, the UK Government introduced a nine-point grading scale (9–1) to raise standards and recognise top-performing students. This replaced the traditional A*–G grading. After consultation with international schools, Pearson Edexcel chose to follow the 9–1 grading scale to ensure comparability for our international students.

Since then millions of GCSEs and International GCSEs are awarded each year using the 9–1 grading scale, making it the most used and recognised grading scale for this qualification worldwide.

What this means for you

Because our Pearson Edexcel International GCSE qualifications are equivalent to and benchmarked, grade for grade, against UK GCSEs, you can be confident that they are recognised and respected across the world. They offer increased differentiation for your top learners (a grade 9 represents a higher level of attainment than A*) and will deliver the progression for your child that you want to see.

“I not only recommend the International GCSE system because of their 9–1 grading scale due to having an extra grade to differentiate the top tier students, but also because this system is recognized globally therefore it opens up more opportunities for students to study at university abroad.”

John Andrew Tampubolon, International GCSE (9–1) student at Al Yasmina School, Abu Dhabi.

| GCSE (9–1) grading structure | Old GCSE grading structure |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 9 | A* |
| 8 | A |
| 7 | A |
| 6 | B |
| 5 | C |
| 4 | C |
| 3 | D |
| 2 | E |
| 1 | F |
| U | G |
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Your child's International GCSE curriculum

Qualifications designed for international learners

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs your child will be studying have academic content and assessment designed specifically for international learners.

Extensive research has gone into the development of our qualifications to ensure they meet the needs of learners and equip them with the skills they need to make progress in their lives.

This includes continually reviewing the content of our specifications – adding international topics and examples using local contexts where possible – to ensure the content of our qualifications is ever more relevant and engaging for students around the world and to enable learning in a local context to a global standard.

Fully integrated teaching and learning resources

Every Pearson Edexcel International GCSE qualification is also backed up by fully integrated curriculum support and teaching and learning resources – often including high quality student books, in print and digital formats to best suit the individual needs of the learner, and revision guides for key subjects to ensure learners have all they need to achieve their potential in their exams.

Pre- and post-exam support

In addition, your child's teachers will have access to a full range of integrated support services, tools and resources from us to support their teaching.

This includes training and pre-exam support to ensure they have all they need to prepare your child for success, and our post-results services will allow them to understand exactly how each student performs in their assessments, so that they can tailor their teaching to ensure they can help all students achieve their full potential.

What this means for you

Your child's teachers will be supported all the way by Pearson to deliver an outstanding teaching and learning experience for every student taking Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs.

They will be able to prepare topic tests and revision activities based on past exam questions to help ensure your child has the best preparation possible for their final assessments, and they will be able to analyse their mock results to pinpoint where they may need further support and can then tailor their teaching to support them, all of which will help ensure your child achieves their full potential.

International GCSE options

Find out more about each qualification

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE options available for your child to choose are detailed in the table below. Find out more about each of these qualifications on the next few pages.

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International GCSE options: Business

International GCSE (9–1) Business

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Business qualification is designed to be truly international in context supporting progression to International A levels (IAL®) in Business/Economics, BTEC National in Business and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular).

There are two examination papers, Paper 1: Investigating small businesses and Paper 2: Investigating larger businesses.

Onscreen assessment is available for this qualification as an alternative assessment format.

What will you study?

- Business activity and influences on business
- People in business
- Business finance
- Marketing
- Business operations



International GCSE (9–1) Accounting

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Accounting qualification is designed to provide students with greater opportunities to demonstrate their skills and knowledge of accounting. The specification and question papers are engaging and accessible for students and the material is appropriate and relevant for progression, building a solid foundation in accounting.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular). There are two examination papers. Paper 1: Introduction to Bookkeeping and Accounting and Paper 2: Financial Statements.

What will you study?

- The accounting environment
- Introduction to bookkeeping
- Introduction to control processes
- Preparation of financial statements
- Accounting for end of period adjustments



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International GCSE options: Business

International GCSE (9–1) Economics

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Economics qualification aims to extend students' knowledge by broadening and deepening their skills. Students will read sources to interpret and evaluate economic information, develop an understanding of economic concepts and apply these concepts to real-life situations.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular).

There are two examination papers, Paper 1: Microeconomics and Business Economics and Paper 2: Macroeconomics and the Global Economy.

Onscreen assessment is available for this qualification as an alternative assessment format.

What will you study?

- The market system
- Business economics
- Government and the economy
- The global economy



International GCSE (9–1) Commerce

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Commerce qualification is designed to extend students' knowledge by broadening and deepening skills. Students will read sources to interpret and evaluate business information, write extended responses, respond appropriately to a range of question types, and develop an understanding of commercial concepts and apply these concepts to real life situations.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular).

There are two papers, Paper 1: Commercial Operations and associated risks, and Paper 2: Facilitating commercial operations.

What will you study?

- Commercial Operations
- Commercial Risk
- Finance for Commerce
- Aids for Commerce



International GCSE options: English

International GCSE (9–1) English Language A

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) English A qualification features a relevant, up-to-date and engaging selection of texts ranging from British heritage to modern international and builds a foundation for students wishing to progress to Pearson Edexcel International A Level (IAL®) in English Language, or equivalent qualifications.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular).

There are two exam papers, or one mandatory exam paper and a choice of an additional examined or non-examined assessment. Students may also take an optional spoken language endorsement.

Onscreen assessment is available for this qualification as an alternative assessment format.

What will you study?

- Non-fiction texts and transactional writing
- Poetry and prose text and imaginative writing
- Spoken language (optional)



International GCSE (9–1) English Language B

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) English B qualification aims to extend students' knowledge by broadening and deepening their skills in reading and responding to materials from a variety of sources, making comparisons between texts and analysing how writers achieve their effects and construct and convey meaning in written language.

There is one examination paper. Students may also take an optional spoken language endorsement.

What will you study?

- Reading and analysing selections from a range of texts
- Exploring and developing transactional writing skills
- Exploring and developing discursive, narrative, and descriptive writing skills



International GCSE options: English

International GCSE (9–1) English Literature

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) English Literature qualification is designed to extend students' knowledge by broadening and deepening their skills to read and respond to a wide range of literary texts from around the world. They will develop an appreciation of the ways in which authors use literary effects and the skills needed for literary study and explore authors' use of language to create effects and find enjoyment in reading literature.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular).

There is one mandatory exam paper and a choice of an additional examined or non-examined assessment.

Onscreen assessment is available for this qualification as an alternative assessment format.

What will you study?

- Poetry and modern prose
- Modern drama and literary heritage texts



International GCSE (9–1) English as a Second Language

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) English as a Second Language qualification is designed for students obtaining their education through English as a medium of instruction or for students studying English in order to enhance their future educational or employment prospects. Achievement in this qualification is benchmarked against the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

There are four examination papers.

Onscreen assessment will be available for this qualification as an alternative assessment format from 2025.

What will you study?

- Reading
- Writing
- Listening
- Speaking



International GCSE options: Maths

International GCSE (9–1) Mathematics A

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Maths A qualification is designed to extend students' knowledge by broadening and deepening their mathematical skills, developing problem-solving skills by translating problems in mathematical or non-mathematical contexts, developing reasoning skills by presenting arguments and proofs and making deductions and drawing conclusions from mathematical information.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular). There is a Foundation and Higher tier for this qualification and two equally weighted examination papers per tier.

What will you study?

- Numbers and the number system
- Equations, formulae and identities
- Sequences, functions and graphs
- Geometry and trigonometry
- Vectors and transformation geometry
- Statistics and probability



International GCSE (9–1) Mathematics B

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Maths B qualification is designed to be closer to a more traditionally structured Mathematics curriculum.

There is a Higher tier only, consisting of two examination papers. The first is 1.5 hours in length with shorter questions, the second is 2.5 hours in length with more in-depth questions.

What will you study?

- Number
- Sets
- Algebra
- Functions
- Matrices
- Geometry
- Mensuration
- Vectors and transformation geometry
- Trigonometry
- Statistics and probability



International GCSE options: Maths

International GCSE (9–1) Further Pure Maths

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Further Pure Mathematics qualification is designed to stretch and challenge high-achieving students and enable them to gain an additional maths qualification. It extends and deepens knowledge covered in the Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Mathematics A specification.

There are two examination papers.

What will you study?

- Number
- Algebra and calculus
- Geometry and trigonometry



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International GCSE options: Sciences

International GCSE (9–1) Biology

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Biology qualification is designed to engage students and give them skills that will support progression to further study in biology and a range of other subjects, in biological sciences and elsewhere.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular).

There are two examination papers.

What will you study?

- The nature and variety of living organisms
- Structures and functions in living organisms
- Reproduction and inheritance
- Ecology and the environment
- Use of biological resources



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International GCSE (9–1) Chemistry

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Chemistry qualification is designed to engage students and give them skills that will support progression to further study in chemistry and a range of other subjects, in chemical sciences and elsewhere.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular).

There are two examination papers.

What will you study?

- Principles of chemistry
- Inorganic chemistry
- Physical chemistry
- Organic chemistry



International GCSE options: Sciences

International GCSE (9–1) Physics

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Physics qualification is designed to engage students and give them skills that will support their progression to further study in physics, physical science and other related subjects. It includes an exciting new Astrophysics topic.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular).

There are two examination papers.

What will you study?

- Forces and motion
- Electricity
- Waves
- Energy resources and energy transfers
- Solids, liquids and gases
- Magnetism and electromagnetism
- Radioactivity and particles
- Astrophysics



International GCSE (9–1) Science (Double Award)

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Science (Double Award) qualification is for students who wish to study all three sciences but in the curriculum time of two International GCSEs. Students study two-thirds of the content of each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics International GCSE, are assessed separately on the three sciences, and are awarded two International GCSE grades in Science.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular). If students take a linear assessment approach, there are three exams. If they take a modular assessment approach, there are six shorter exams.

What will you study?

- See Biology, Chemistry and Physics sections for the list of topics.



International GCSE options: Sciences

International GCSE (9–1) Science (Single Award)

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Science (Single Award) qualification is for students who wish to study all three sciences but in the curriculum time of one International GCSE. Students study one-third of the content of each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics International GCSE, are assessed separately on the three sciences, and are awarded one International GCSE grade in Science.

There are three examination papers. Paper 1: Biology, Paper 2: Chemistry, and Paper 3: Physics.

What will you study?

- See Biology, Chemistry and Physics sections for the list of topics.



International GCSE (9–1) Human Biology

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Human Biology qualification equips students with a comprehensive understanding of human biology, enabling them to apply biological principles in diverse contexts, develop practical skills within ethical boundaries, critically evaluate information, and effectively communicate findings, preparing them for further studies in biology and related fields like health and social care.

There are two examination papers.

What will you study?

- Cells and tissues
- Biological molecules
- Movement of substances in and out of cells
- Bones, muscles and joints
- Coordination
- Nutrition and energy
- Respiration
- Gas exchange
- Internal transport
- Homeostatic mechanisms
- Reproduction and heredity
- Disease



International GCSE options: IT

International GCSE (9–1) Computer Science

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Computer Science qualification is designed to provide students with the opportunity to operate confidently in today's digital world and apply computational thinking in context. They will be encouraged to design, implement and test programs that provide solutions to problems, helping prepare them for higher education where practical knowledge and experience will be required.

There are two examination papers, Paper 1: Principles of Computer Science and Paper 2: Application of computational thinking. Paper 2 is carried out on a computer system using a programming language of choice.

What will you study?

- Problem solving
- Programming
- Data
- Computers
- Communication and the internet
- The bigger picture



International GCSE (9–1) ICT

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) ICT qualification provides students with the opportunity of operating confidently in today's digital world. It is a useful, practical qualification which will provide skills needed in further education and work.

There are two examinations. One is a written paper, and the other, a practical assignment.

What will you study?

- Digital Devices
- Connectivity
- Operating Online
- Online Goods and Services
- Applying Information and Communication Technology
- Software Skills



International GCSE options: Humanities and Art

International GCSE (9–1) Geography

Why choose this qualification?

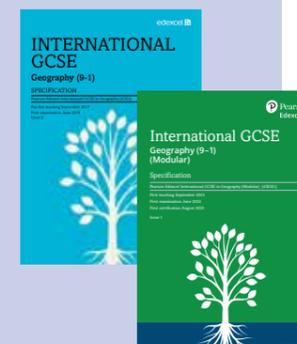
The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Geography qualification aims to extend students' knowledge by broadening and deepening skills. Students will develop and apply a holistic range of knowledge and understanding of geographical concepts and skills, including fieldwork. They will present and analyse data, draw conclusions and evaluate information from different sources, and develop awareness of global issues and challenges.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular). There are two papers: Paper 1: Physical Geography, and Paper 2: Human Geography

Onscreen assessment will be available for this qualification as an alternative to the current assessment format from May 2025.

What will you study?

- Physical geography
- Human geography



International GCSE (9–1) History

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) History qualification aims to extend learners' knowledge and understanding by broadening and deepening skills. Students will explain, analyse and make judgements about historical events and periods studied using second order historical concepts. They will use a range of source material to comprehend, interpret and cross-refer sources, and analyse and evaluate historical interpretations in the context of historical events studied.

Assessment can be taken in one exam series, at the end of the programme of study (linear) or throughout the course as individual modules (modular). There are two papers: Paper 1: Depth Studies, and Paper 2: Investigation and Breadth Studies.

Onscreen assessment is available for this qualification as an alternative to the current assessment format.

What will you study?

- Selected periods and/or aspects of history
- Historical sources
- How to organise and communicate knowledge
- Making historical judgements



International GCSE options: Humanities and Art

International GCSE (9–1) Global Citizenship

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Global Citizenship qualification is designed to help students develop an understanding of key changes affecting societies across the world, enabling them to have a global outlook and understand diverse points of view. It will support them to become global citizens and understand how they can affect positive change, and is ideal for students who are internationally mobile or wish to study and work in fields that require a global outlook.

There is one examination paper.

What will you study?

- Politics and governance
- Economic development and the environment
- Culture and community
- Technology



International GCSE (9–1) Art and Design

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) Art and Design qualification allows students to gain awareness of the purposes, intentions and functions of art, craft and design, use creativity and imagination to express individual thoughts, develop and refine original ideas from initiation to realisation, critically analyse their own work and the work of others, and build confidence to take risks, experiment and learn from mistakes.

There are two components: Component 1: Personal Portfolio, and Component 2: Externally-set Assignment. Students choose one title (see below) and work in the same title for both components.

What will you study?

One of five titles:

- Fine Art
- Graphic Communication
- Photography
- Textile Design
- Three-dimensional Design



International GCSE options: Modern Foreign Languages

International GCSE (9–1) French, Spanish, and German

Why choose this qualification?

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1) qualifications in French, Spanish and German are intended specifically for students for whom this is not their first language. Students develop the ability to read the language for both gist and detail, write in response to a given situation, listen to a complex argument or discussion, understand the overall message, and identify attitudes and opinions.

There are three papers. Paper 1: Listening, Paper 2: Reading and Writing, and Paper 3: Speaking.

What will you study?

- Listening
- Reading and Writing
- Speaking



We also offer International GCSEs in these languages:

- Arabic (First Language)
- Bangla
- Chinese
- Greek (First Language)
- Sinhala
- Swahili
- Tamil

See the website below for more information.



About Pearson qualifications

Pearson's qualifications heritage stretches back over 100 years and our qualifications are offered in more than 115 countries worldwide.

Pearson Edexcel is regulated by Ofqual, the UK's qualifications regulator, ensuring our curricula meet the highest standards and our exams follow carefully controlled procedures at every stage of their development, delivery, marking and reporting.

As the largest awarding organisation in the UK, Pearson Edexcel regularly achieves the highest marking accuracy of all UK boards.

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Supporting you and your child

As a parent supporting your child's learning journey, we can support you with our inspiring and proven international curriculum, qualifications and published student resources.

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