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# 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.

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# 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.

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