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This page shows the status of specifications submitted to Ofqual to be taught as GCSEs, AS and A levels from September 2017.

Exam boards take these subject content and requirements documents and use them to produce a specification and sample assessment materials for any subject they wish to offer. The specification is submitted to Ofqual for consideration. Ofqual convenes a panel of subject and assessment experts to scrutinise the specification and make a decision on whether it meets all the requirements for that subject. If it does, it will be accredited and teachers will be able to use it. If it does not, it will be sent back to the exam board and they will have to change their specification based on the feedback given by Ofqual. When they have made the amendments they will submit the new specification.

## 1. Number of qualifications accredited

20 of 26 GCSE subjects have at least 1 specification accredited. 17 of 26 subjects have all specifications accredited.

14 of 20 AS and A level subjects have at least 1 specification accredited. 11 of 20 subjects have all specifications accredited.

## 2. Number of specifications accredited

### 2.1 For teaching from 2017

34 of 44 GCSE specifications have been accredited.

41 of 73 AS and A level specifications have been accredited.

### 2.2 For teaching from 2016

In 2016 we [accredited 147 GCSE, AS and A level specifications](#).

### 2.3 For teaching from 2015

In 2015 we [accredited 122 GCSE, AS and A level specifications](#).

## 3. The accreditation process

We have produced a [diagram of the accreditation process](#).

## 4. Key information

| Entry                 | Meaning  |
|-----------------------|--|
|                       | Specification accredited   |
| -                     | Exam board is not submitting a specification for this subject  |
| 'submission due'      | The date the exam board is aiming to submit for accreditation  |
| 'awaiting submission' | We are awaiting a submission from the exam board but they have not indicated when we will receive it or the date they indicated has passed |
| 'submission received' | We have received a specification from the exam board and it is awaiting an accreditation decision  |

## 5. GCSEs

| Subject              | AQA | OCR | Pearson (Edexcel)       | WJEC Eduqas |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------|-------------|
| GCSE ancient history | -   |     | -                       | -           |
| GCSE Arabic          | -   | -   | Awaiting 3rd submission | -           |

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|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| GCSE astronomy              | -                                       | -                                | -                       | - |
| GCSE Bengali                | 3rd submission received 1 February 2017 | -                                | -                       | - |
| GCSE business               |   |                                  |                         |   |
| GCSE Chinese                | Awaiting 3rd submission                 | -                                | -                       | - |
| GCSE classical civilisation | -                                       | -                                | -                       | - |
| GCSE design & technology    |   |                                  |                         |   |
| GCSE economics              |   |                                  | -                       | - |
| GCSE electronics            | -                                       | -                                | -                       | - |
| GCSE engineering            |   | -                                | -                       | - |
| GCSE film studies           | -                                       |                                  | -                       |   |
| GCSE geology                | -                                       | -                                | -                       |   |
| GCSE Italian                |   | -                                |                         | - |
| GCSE Japanese               | -                                       | -                                |                         | - |
| GCSE media studies          | Awaiting 3rd submission                 | 3rd submission due 16 March 2017 | -                       |   |
| GCSE modern Greek           | -                                       | -                                | Awaiting 3rd submission | - |
| GCSE modern Hebrew          | 3rd submission received 1 February 2017 | -                                | -                       | - |
| GCSE PE (short course)      | -                                       | -                                |                         |   |
| GCSE Polish                 | 3rd submission received 1 February 2017 | -                                | -                       | - |
| GCSE psychology             |   |                                  |                         | - |
| GCSE Panjabi                |   | -                                | -                       | - |
| GCSE Russian                | -                                       | -                                | Awaiting 3rd submission | - |
| GCSE sociology              |   | -                                | -                       |   |
| GCSE statistics             | 4th submission due 22 February 2017     | -                                |                         | - |
| GCSE Urdu                   |   | -                                |                         | - |

| Subject                          | AQA   | OCR                                      | Pearson (Edexcel) | WJEC Eduqas                             |
|----------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|---|
| Accounting: A level              |   | -  | -                 | -                                       |
| Accounting: AS level             |   | -  | -                 | -                                       |
| Ancient history: A level         | -   |  | -                 | -                                       |
| Ancient history: AS level        | -   |  | -                 | -                                       |
| Chinese: A level                 | -   | -  |                   | -                                       |
| Chinese: AS level                | -   | -  |                   | -                                       |
| Classical civilisation: A level  | -   |  | -                 | -                                       |
| Classical civilisation: AS level | -   |  | -                 | -                                       |
| Design & technology: A level     | Fashion & Textiles:<br>Spec Product Design: 4th submission received 8 February 2017 | 4th submission received 13 February 2017 |                   | 4th submission received 9 February 2017 |
| Design & technology: AS level    | Fashion & Textiles:<br>Spec Product Design:   |  |                   | 4th submission due 16 February 2017     |
| Electronics: A level             | -   | -  | -                 |   |
| Electronics: AS level            | -   | -  | -                 |   |
| Environmental science: A level   |   | -  | -                 | -                                       |
| Environmental science: AS level  |   | -  | -                 | -                                       |
| Film studies: A level            | -   |  | -                 | 5th submission received 7 February 2017 |
| Film studies: AS                 | -   |  | -                 |   |

level

|                            |   |  |   |                         |
|----------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------|
| Further maths: A level     | 2nd submission due 16 February 2017     | Spec A: 2nd submission received 6 February 2017<br>Spec Spec MEI B: 2nd submission received 13 February 2017 | 2nd submission received 26 January 2017 | -                       |
| Further maths: AS level    | 2nd submission due 16 February 2017     | Spec A: 2nd submission received 6 February 2017<br>Spec Spec MEI B: 2nd submission received 13 February 2017 | 2nd submission received 27 January 2017 | -                       |
| Geology: A level           | -                                       |  | -                                       |                         |
| Geology: AS level          | -                                       |  | -                                       |                         |
| History of art: A level    | -                                       | -  | 1st submission due 8 March 2017         | -                       |
| Italian: A level           | -                                       | -  |   | -                       |
| Italian: AS level          | -                                       | -  |   | -                       |
| Law: A level               |   |  | -                                       |                         |
| Law: AS level              |   |  | -                                       |                         |
| Maths: A level             | 3rd submission received 2 February 2017 | Spec A:<br>Spec Spec MEI B:  | Awaiting 4th submission                 | -                       |
| Maths: AS level            | 3rd submission received 2 February 2017 | Spec A:<br>Spec Spec MEI B:  | Awaiting 4th submission                 | -                       |
| Media studies: A level     | Awaiting 3rd submission                 | 3rd submission due 9 March 2017  | -                                       | Awaiting 3rd submission |
| Media studies: AS level    | Awaiting 3rd submission                 | 3rd submission due 2 March 2017  | -                                       | Awaiting 3rd submission |
| Music technology: A level  | -                                       | -  |   | -                       |
| Music technology: AS level | -                                       | -  |   | -                       |
| Philosophy: A level        |   | -  | -                                       | -                       |
| Philosophy: AS             |   | -  | -                                       | -                       |

level

|                      |                                     |   |   |   |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Politics: A level    | 3rd submission due 14 February 2017 | - | 3rd submission received 26 January 2017 | - |
| Politics: AS level   | 3rd submission due 14 February 2017 | - | 3rd submission received 26 January 2017 | - |
| Russian: A level     | -                                   | - | 3rd submission due 2 March 2017         | - |
| Russian: AS level    | -                                   | - | 3rd submission due 2 March 2017         | - |
| Statistics: A level  | -                                   | - | 1st submission due 11 April 2017        | - |
| Statistics: AS level | -                                   | - | 1st submission due 11 April 2017        | - |

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