

This presentation helps you explain Pearson Edexcel qualifications to your parent body.

It is organised into sections so you can tailor it to your needs:

Slides 2-10 and slides 50-53 are relevant for all schools.

Slides 11-13 are for schools offering our iPLS curriculum.

Slides 14-32 are for schools offering our International GCSEs.

Slides 33-46 are for schools offering our International A levels.

Slides 47-49 are for schools offering our EPQs.

Simply hide the sections that are not relevant to your school.

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01

Who are Pearson?

The world's lifelong learning company, helping people realise the life they imagine through learning

We trust their experience and expertise

Qualifications heritage

Pearson's qualifications heritage stretches back over 150 years. Their qualifications are recognised and accepted by universities worldwide.

Assessment choice

They are the first awarding organisation to offer learners a choice over how they are assessed, with a paper-based on onscreen assessments.

Learning experience

Their curricula, qualifications and services are designed by experts and backed by learning science.



3.5m students

Their school qualifications are taken annually taken by more than 3.5m students globally.



115 countries

Their qualifications are offered in more than 115 countries worldwide.

They offer our students:

International qualifications based on British best practice

Pearson Edexcel's international curriculum and qualifications are international in outlook and content, yet grounded in the pedagogy, ethos and aims of the English national curriculum, the most popular curriculum in the world.



A learning continuum with progression at its heart

Their international iProgress journey provides our students with clear structured progression and consistent support at every stage of their learning, so at each level, we can carefully prepare your children for the next challenge.



Flexibility and choice over how they are assessed

They're the only awarding organisation to offer modular or linear qualification routes at International GCSE and a choice of paper or onscreen assessment, meaning we can choose the right assessment routes for your children.



Their qualifications are world renowned

Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs and International A Levels are widely recognised by global universities for entry onto undergraduate degree programmes



UK

All UK universities and all Russell Group universities, including Oxford University & Cambridge University



Canada

Top Canadian institutions including the University of Toronto and McGill University



Europe

Most universities across Europe including École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) and Delft University of Technology



Asia

Top universities including Hong Kong/China University of Science and Technology and the National University of Singapore



US

Many US universities including Yale, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth College, MIT and Caltech



Australasia

Many universities in Australia including all Group of 8 (Go8) universities

How Pearson Edexcel international qualifications compare

A side-by-side comparison with other awarding organisations

| | Pearson Edexcel | Other awarding organisations |
|---|--|---|
| <p>Progression to the world’s top universities?</p> <p>Their international qualifications give your child the best chance of getting into Cambridge or another of the world's top universities.</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>Universities recognise the qualification <u>not</u> the awarding organisation</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>UK regulated qualifications?</p> <p>They offer both UK regulated qualifications and international qualifications that are most closely aligned to the highly respected British educational system.</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>X</p> |
| <p>A modern 9–1 grading system?</p> <p>Their GCSE and International GCSE qualifications have used the modern and most awarded 9–1 grading scale since UK reform in 2017–2020 avoiding a 'mixed currency'.</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>X</p> <p>Still some instances of older A*–G grading</p> |
| <p>A choice of paper–based or onscreen assessment?</p> <p>They offer learners a choice of paper-based or onscreen assessment routes for International GCSE and International A level exams, including mock exams.</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>X</p> <p>Still in development stages</p> |
| <p>Free access to exam scripts for teaching staff?</p> <p>They offer our teaching staff free online access to learners' exam scripts, so we can make timely decisions about requesting a review of marking if your child doesn't achieve their expected grade.</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>From June 2025</p> |

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Your child's international curriculum and qualifications

With Pearson Edexcel

The Pearson Edexcel progression pathway

An international learning continuum

Pearson Edexcel's international curriculum runs from Early Years up to International A level.

Supporting your child's progression

It is designed specifically for international learners aged 4 to 19 years.

Consistent support at every stage

Clear, structured progression and consistent support at every stage of your child's learning, preparing them for success at each level of learning.



03

Pearson Edexcel iPrimary and iLowerSecondary

Laying the early foundations for future success

An international curriculum based on British best practice, written for second language learners

An international curriculum for young learners

Offering clear structured progression and comprehensive and consistent support at each stage, to improve learner outcomes in Maths, English, Science, Computing and Global Citizenship.

For 3- to 11-year-old learners.

Supported by internationally renowned resources

Designed specifically for primary and lower secondary learners and written by curriculum experts.

In print and online to enhance your child's learning experience and give you peace of mind that we're selecting the highest quality materials for their learning.

And regular learning progress tests

Ongoing assessment and regular progress tests, plus a certified iPLS qualification that is benchmarked internationally against learners worldwide.

Ensures your child is prepared for onward success at International GCSE and beyond.

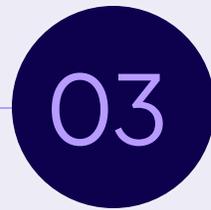
Developed using research-based principles to ensure learner progress



Engaging all



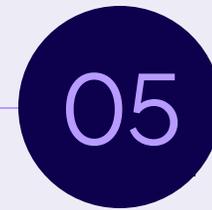
Differentiation



Enabling independent learning



Effective questioning



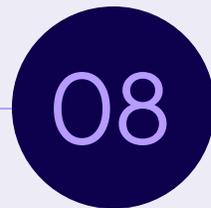
Teacher talk



Collaborative activities



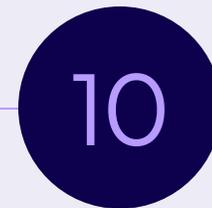
Teacher demonstration



Developing thinking skills



Reflecting on learning



Feedback (in both directions)

04

Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs

Modern, progressive international qualifications available in 37 subjects

Why Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs?



They are designed for international learners

They are modern, progressive qualifications for globally minded students, with academic content and assessment designed specifically for international learners.



They are benchmarked to UK GCSEs

This grade for grade benchmarking means you can be confident that your child's international qualifications are recognised and respected by schools and universities across the world.



They are accessible for second language learners

Their content and assessment methods are designed to enable successful progression for all learners, including those for whom English is their second language.



They offer our school flexibility and choice

Our school can choose when and how your child is assessed. With Pearson's flexible assessment options, we can choose modular or linear routes and paper-based or onscreen exams.

Why Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs?



They embed transferrable skills

These qualifications develop problem solving, critical thinking, leadership and collaboration skills alongside subject knowledge to ensure our learners have all the tools for success.



They offer increased differentiation

They follow the modern 9-1 grading structure which offers increased differentiation for our top learners (a grade 9 represents a higher level of attainment than a Cambridge A*).

| GCSE (9-1) grading structure | Old GCSE grading structure |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 9 | A* |
| 8 | |
| 7 | A |
| 6 | B |
| 5 | |
| 4 | C |
| 3 | D |
| 2 | |
| 1 | E |
| | F |
| | G |
| U | U |

Over 5 million GCSEs and International GCSEs are awarded using the 9-1 grading scale, making it the most used and recognised grading scale for GCSE and International GCSE.

GCSE (9-1) grading structure explained

Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs follow the modern 9-1 structure

This structure provides increased differentiation for our learners.

A **grade 9** represents a higher level of attainment than a Cambridge A*.

The bottom of **grade 7** broadly aligns with the bottom of Cambridge A.

There's a greater differentiation in the middle of the scale with **three grades (6, 5 and 4)** rather than two (B and C).

The bottom of **grade 4** broadly aligns with the bottom of Cambridge grade C.

The bottom of **grade 1** broadly aligns with the bottom of Cambridge grade G.

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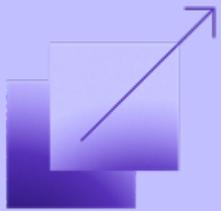
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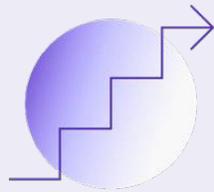
Opting for exams using this scale, we ensure that our choice of International GCSE is most closely aligned to the British curriculum and meets the same standards as Ofqual set in the UK.

This means our learners can successfully and seamlessly progress to International or UK A levels and on to university.

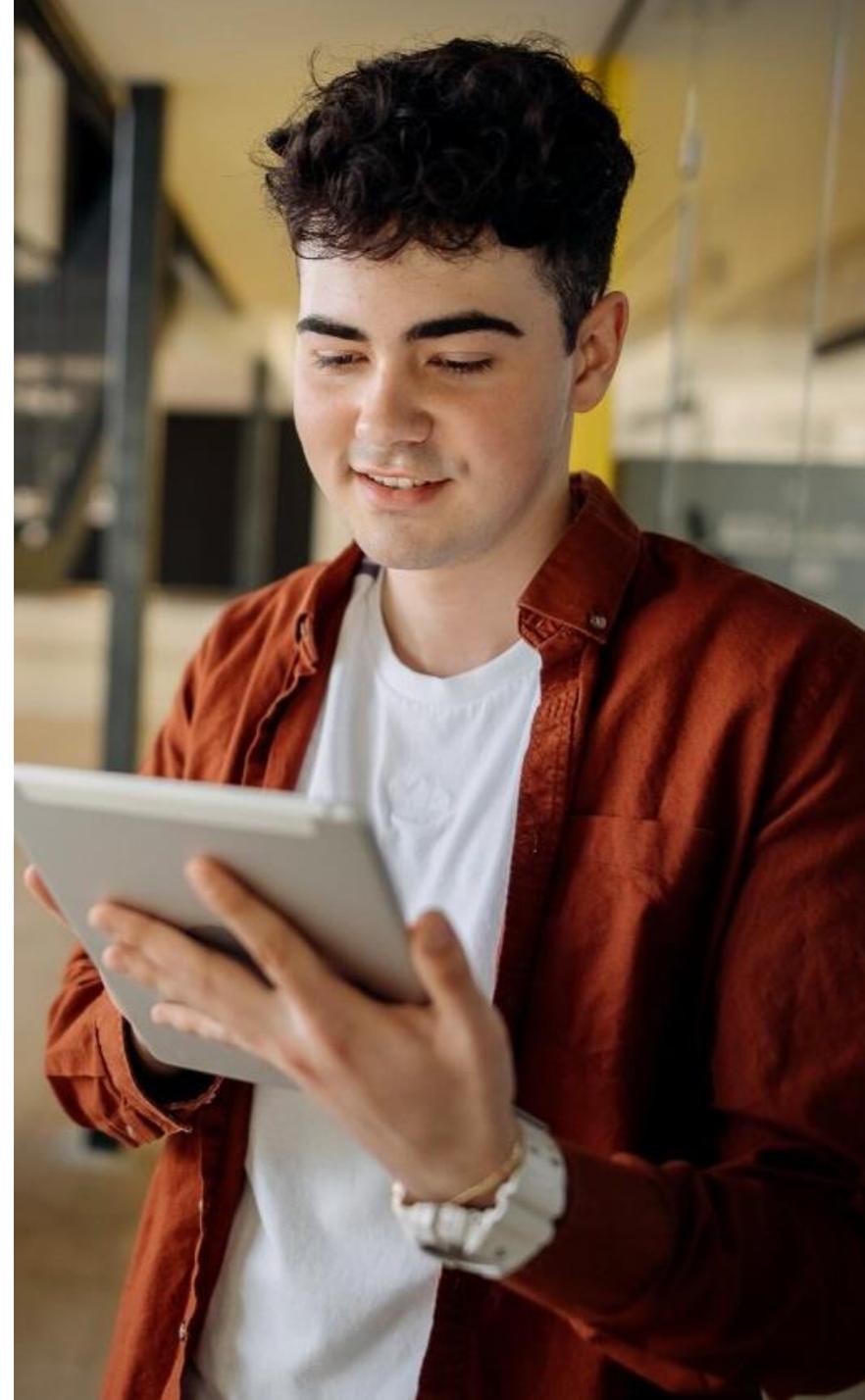
**With Pearson Edexcel,
we can choose the right
assessment route for
our learners**



Linear



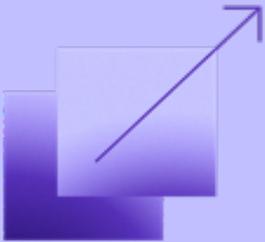
Modular



A choice of linear or modular assessment

Doing all the assessment at the end works well for many learners

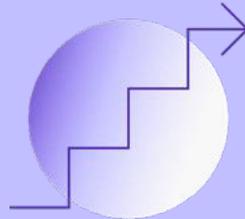
The linear assessment journey comprises two years of study with exams at the end.



But we know that spreading the exam pressure works better for others

The modular assessment route breaks the journey into units with an exam at the end of each unit.

It offers a sensible and authentic form of assessment that reflects how today's learners sit other high stakes assessments.



With Pearson, we can choose the right approach for our learners

Pearson is the only awarding organisation to offer a modular route for International GCSEs as an alternative to the linear route.

The benefits of a modular approach

For learners

- ✓ Reduces learners' mental load and stress by allowing them to focus on one year of curriculum at a time and spread out their exams over two years.
- ✓ Allows them to take exams when they're ready, like they do with other tests – e.g., language proficiency or driving tests – and take advantage of multiple re-sit opportunities.
- ✓ Provides them with more opportunities to demonstrate their skills and abilities and optimise feedback to improve their performance.

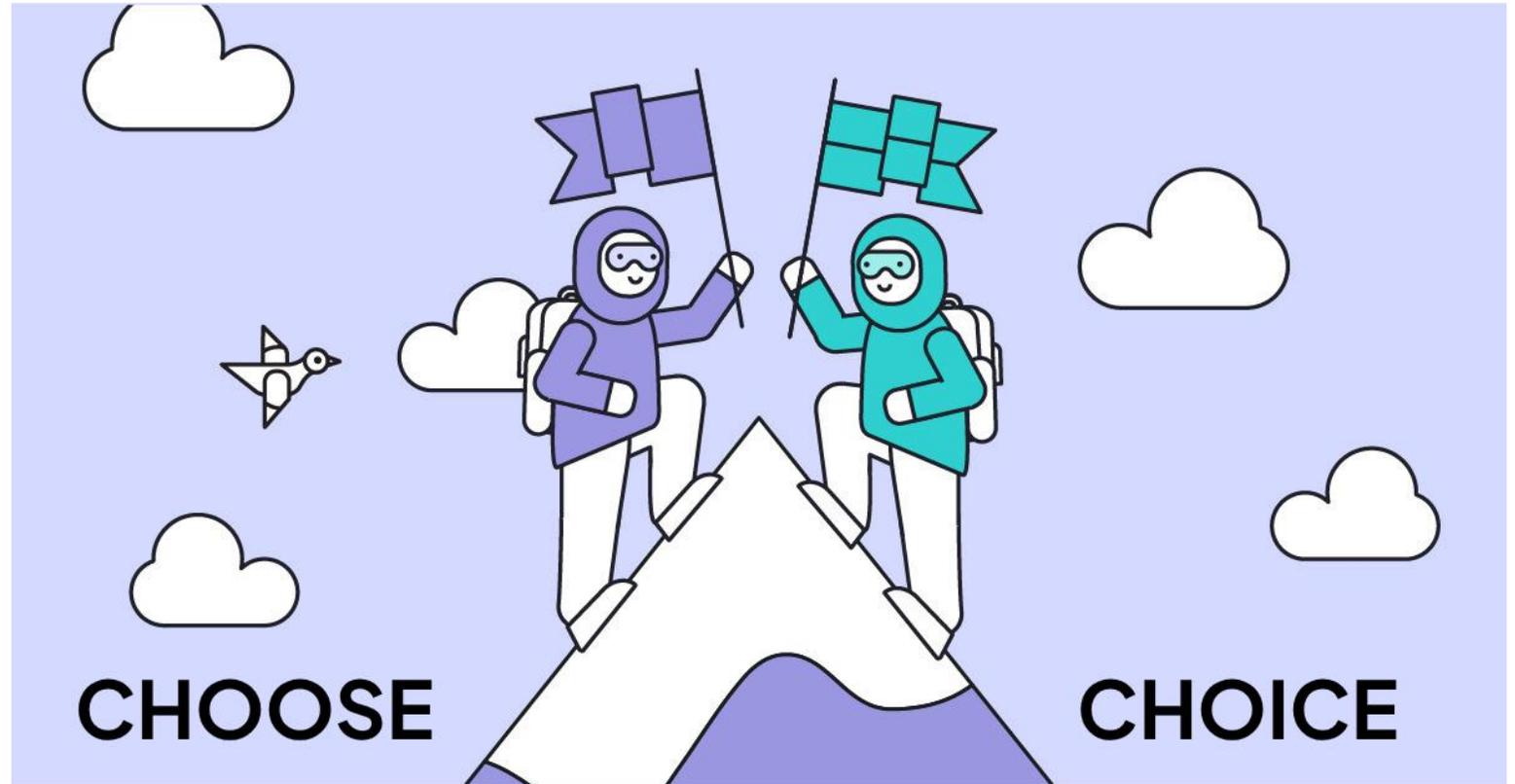
For educators and parents

- ✓ Provides teachers with rich mid-cycle data on learner performance via Pearson Edexcel's post-exam analysis support tools.
- ✓ Eases the pressures faced by exam officers as it allows schools to spread the exam administration burden.
- ✓ Where parents pay exam fees, it helps with budgeting by enabling families to spread their child's exam fees over two years.



The secret to International GCSE success is different for every learner

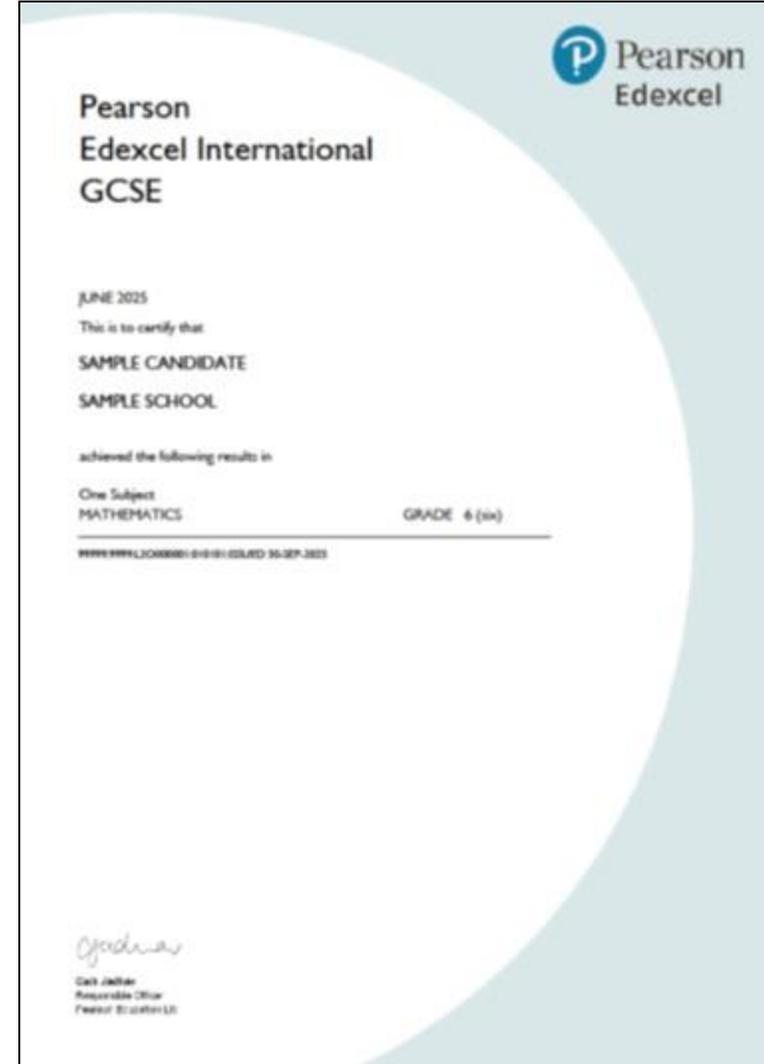
Whichever route we choose – linear or modular – the exams take the same amount of time, and our teachers spend the same amount of time teaching.



Examination certificates remain the same, regardless of the assessment route

Whether your child takes a modular or a linear assessment route, their Pearson Edexcel examination certificate remains the same.

It includes the year, the candidate and school name, the subject (e.g., Mathematics) and the grade.



Pearson Edexcel International GCSE subjects

37 different subjects for your child to choose from.

Shaded subjects offer a choice of modular or linear assessment routes.

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Accounting | English Language A | Mathematics A |
| Arabic (First Language) | English Language B | Mathematics B |
| Art and Design | English Literature | Pakistan Studies |
| Bangla | French | Physics |
| Bangladesh Studies | Further Pure Mathematics | RE/Religious Studies |
| Biology | Geography | Science (Double Award) |
| Business | German | Science (Single Award) |
| Chemistry | Global Citizenship | Sinhala |
| Chinese | Greek (First Language) | Spanish |
| Commerce | History | Swahili |
| Computer Science | Human Biology | Tamil |
| Economics | ICT | |
| English as a Second Language | Islamic Studies | |

International GCSE: Business subjects

Business

Business activity and influences on business

People in business

Business finance

Marketing

Business operations

Accounting

The accounting environment

Introduction to bookkeeping

Introduction to control processes

Preparation of financial statements

Accounting for end of period adjustments

Economics

The market system

Business economics

Government and the economy

The global economy

Commerce

Commercial operations

Commercial risk

Finance for commerce

Aids for commerce

International GCSE: English subjects

English Language A

Non-fiction texts and transactional writing

Poetry and prose text and imaginative writing

Spoken language (optional)

English Language B

Reading and analysing selections from a range of texts

Exploring and developing transactional writing skills

Exploring and developing discursive, narrative, and descriptive writing skills

Spoken language (optional)

English Literature

Poetry and modern prose

Modern drama and literary heritage texts

English as a Second Language

Reading

Writing

Listening

Speaking

International GCSE: Mathematics subjects

Mathematics A

Numbers and the number system

Equations, formulae and identities

Sequences, functions and graphs

Geometry and trigonometry

Vectors and transformation geometry

Statistics and probability

Mathematics B

Number

Sets

Algebra

Functions

Matrices

Geometry

Mensuration

Vectors and transformation geometry

Trigonometry

Statistics and probability

Further Pure Mathematics

Number

Algebra and calculus

Geometry and trigonometry

International GCSE: Science subjects

Biology

The nature and variety of living organisms

Structure and functions in living organisms

Reproduction and inheritance

Ecology and the environment

Use of biological resources

Chemistry

Principles of chemistry

Inorganic chemistry

Physical chemistry

Organic chemistry

Physics

Forces and motion

Electricity

Waves

Energy resources and energy transfers

Solids, liquids and gases

Magnetism and electromagnetism

Radioactivity and particles

Astrophysics

Human Biology

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: Science subjects cont.

Science (Double Award)

Students study two-thirds of the content of each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics International GCSE

Students are assessed separately on the three sciences

Students are awarded two International GCSE grades in Science

Science (Single Award)

Students study one-third of the content of each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics International GCSE

Students are assessed separately on the three sciences

Students are awarded one International GCSE grade in Science



International GCSE: Computer Science + ICT

Computer Science

Problem solving

Programming

Data

Computers

Communication and the internet

The bigger picture

ICT

Digital devices

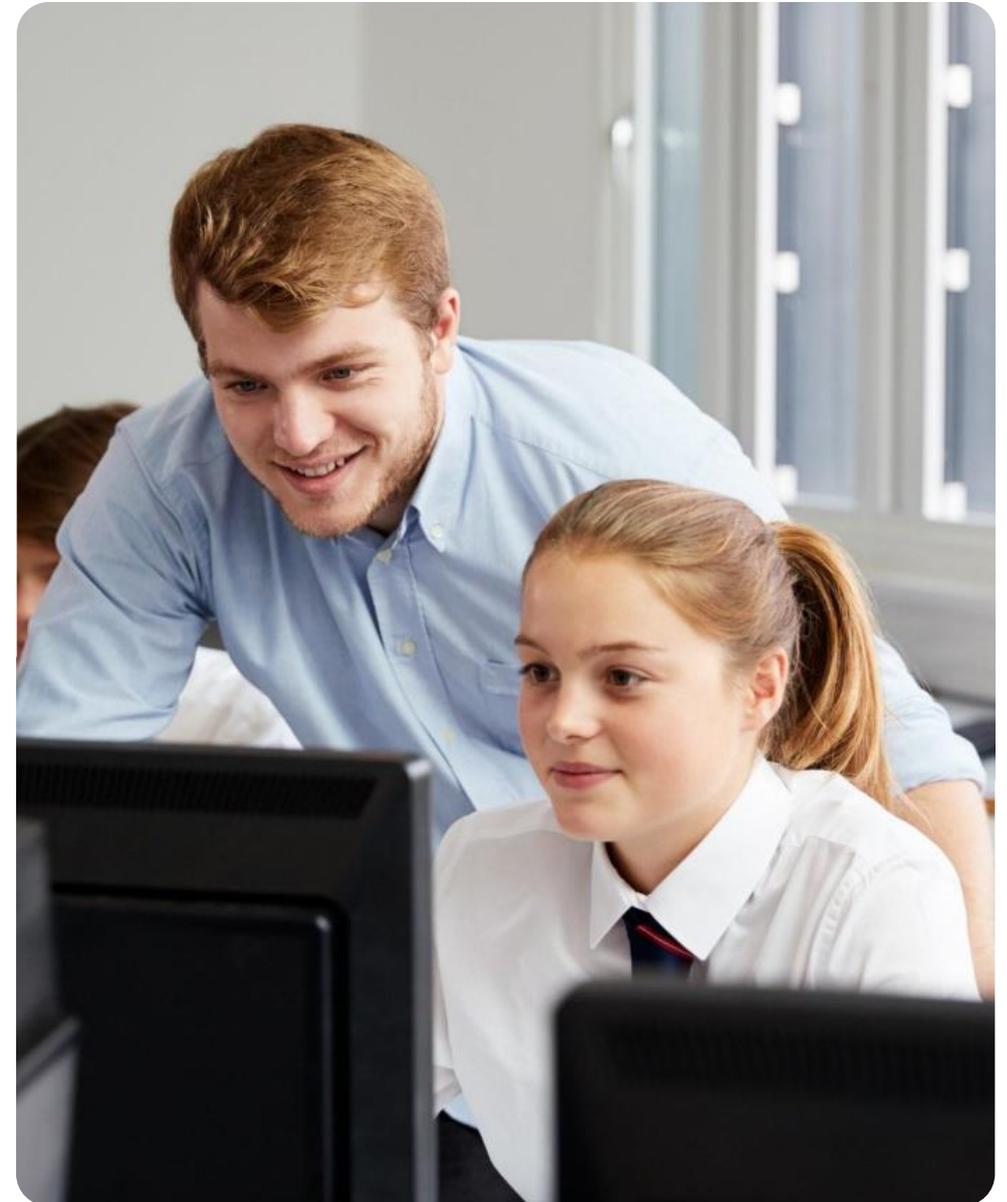
Connectivity

Operating online

Online goods and services

Applying Information and Communication Technology

Software skills



International GCSE: Humanities subjects

Geography

Physical geography

Human geography

History

Selected periods and/or
aspects of history

Historical sources

How to organise and
communicate knowledge

Making historical judgements



International GCSE: Global Citizenship and Art

Global Citizenship

Politics and governance

Economic development
and the environment

Culture and community

Technology

Art

One of five titles:

Fine art

Graphic communication

Photography

Textile design

Three-dimensional design



International GCSE: Languages subjects

French

Listening

Reading and writing

Speaking

German

Listening

Reading and writing

Speaking

Spanish

Listening

Reading and writing

Speaking

International GCSEs also offered in

Arabic (First Language)

Bangla

Chinese

Greek (First Language)

Sinhala

Swahili

Tamil

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Pearson Edexcel International A levels

Recognised worldwide for academic excellence and available in 21
different subjects

Why Pearson Edexcel International A levels?



They are designed for international learners

They are modern, progressive qualifications for globally minded students, with academic content and assessment designed specifically for international learners aged 16–19.



They are benchmarked to UK A levels

This grade for grade benchmarking means you can be confident that your child's international qualifications are recognised and respected by universities worldwide.



They are accessible for second language learners

Their content and assessment methods are designed to enable successful progression for all learners, including those for whom English is their second language



They offer your child flexibility and choice

They are modular, which means your child can take and re-sit exams in any exam series. This gives them more exam practice and more opportunities to receive feedback to improve their performance.

Why Pearson Edexcel International A levels?



They embed transferrable skills

These qualifications develop problem solving, critical thinking, leadership and collaboration skills alongside subject knowledge to ensure our learners have all the tools for success.



Assessment can be delivered onscreen

With Pearson Edexcel's flexible assessment options, we can choose how our learners experience assessment, either through paper-based or onscreen exams.



They are based on extensive research

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



Their content is continually reviewed

Pearson Edexcel continually review the content of their specifications, adding international topics and examples using local contexts where possible. This ensures their content is ever more relevant for our learners.

We have a range of tools from Pearson Edexcel to support our International A level learners

Fully integrated teaching and learning resources

Each qualification has fully integrated curriculum support and teaching and learning resources.

This includes print and digital student books and lab books to support science practicals.

Training, pre-exam and post-results support

A full range of qualifications support from Pearson ensures we have what we need to understand exactly how each learner performs.

This means we can tailor our teaching to help your child achieve their full potential.

Topic and revision tests and mock results analysis

We can prepare topic tests and revision activities based on past exam questions to help ensure your child has the best preparation possible for their exams.

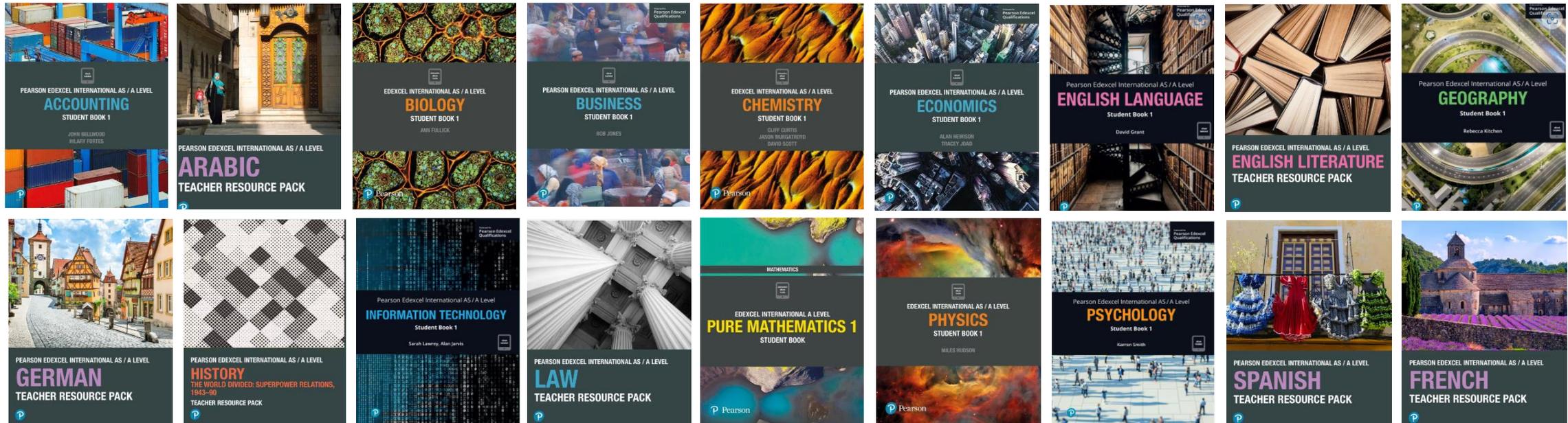
We can also analyse their mock results to pinpoint where they need more support.



And learning resources written specifically for the qualifications

Each Pearson Edexcel International A level student book comes with 3-year access to an online version known as an ActiveBook.

This allows learners to access the content in the way that suits them best.



**What do learners
around the world
think of Pearson
Edexcel?**

“It’s been my dream to attend a world-renowned university. Pearson Edexcel International A levels have given me a solid academic foundation for further studies”

Fei Xue, undergraduate student at University College London (UCL), UK

“Pearson Edexcel qualifications are one of the best choices, not only because they are recognised around the world, but also because they prepare you well for university studies while building the fundamentals needed for your specific area of study.”

Nicolas Athinodorou, The English School Nicosia, Cyprus



Pearson Edexcel International A level subjects

21 different subjects for your child to choose from.

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Accounting | German |
| Arabic (First Language) | Greek |
| Biology | History |
| Business | Information Technology |
| Chemistry | Law |
| Economics | Mathematics |
| English Language | Physics |
| English Literature | Psychology |
| French | Pure Mathematics |
| Further Mathematics | Spanish |
| Geography | |

International A level: Business subjects

Business

Marketing and people

Managing business activities

Business decisions and strategies

Global business

Accounting

The accounting system and costing

Corporate and management accounting

Economics

Markets in action

Macroeconomic performance and policy

Business behaviour

Developments in the global economy

Law

Underlying principles of Law and the English Legal System

The Law in action

International A level: Sciences and Psychology subjects

Biology

Molecules, diet, transport and health

Cells, development, biodiversity and conservation

Energy, environment, microbiology and immunity

Respiration, internal environment, coordination and gene technology

Practical skills

Chemistry

Structure, bonding and introduction to organic chemistry

Energetics, group chemistry, halogenoalkanes and alcohols

Rates, equilibria and further organic chemistry

Transition metals and organic nitrogen chemistry

Practical skills

Physics

Mechanics and materials

Waves and electricity

Further mechanics, fields and particles

Thermodynamics, radiation, oscillations and cosmology

Practical skills

Psychology

Social and cognitive psychology

Biological psychology, learning theories and development

Applications of psychology

Clinical psychology and psychological skills

International A level: English subjects

English Language

Language: context and identity

Language in transition

Crafting language (writing)

Investigating language

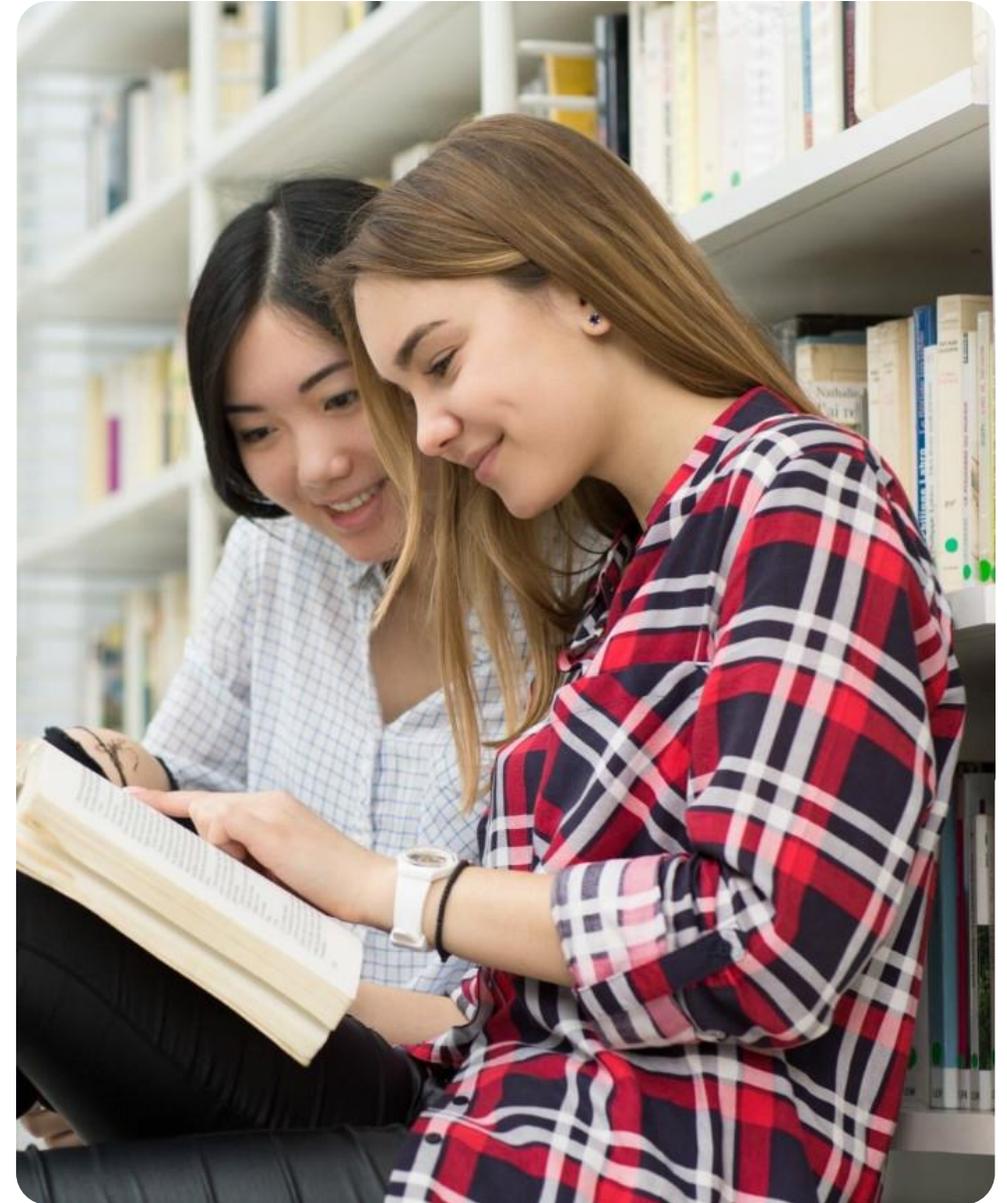
English Literature

Post-2000 poetry and prose

Drama

Poetry and prose

Shakespeare and pre-1900 poetry



International A level: Mathematics and Information Technology

Mathematics

Pure Mathematics

Further Pure Mathematics

Mechanics

Statistics

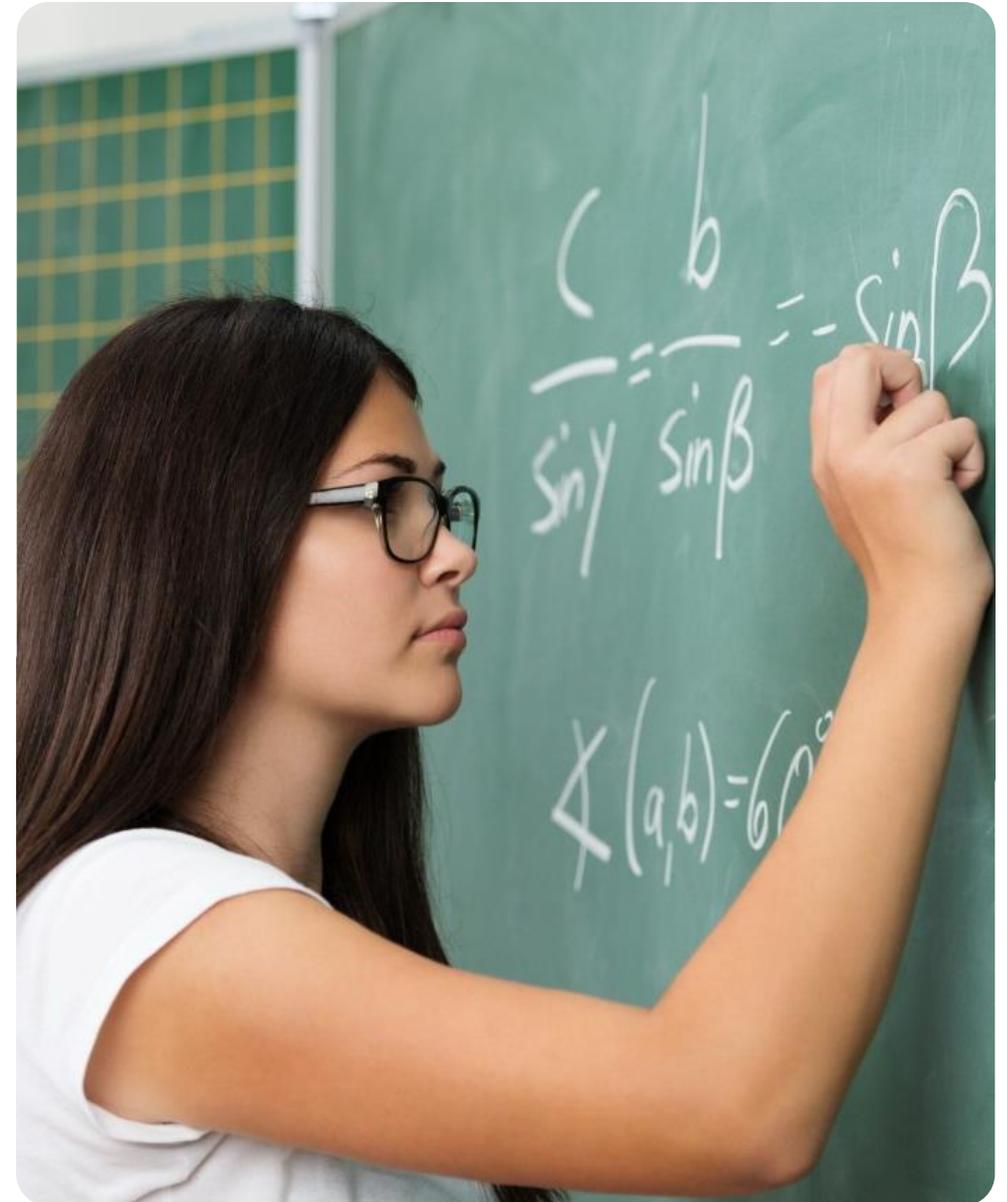
Decision mathematics

Information Technology

IT systems

Coding for the web

Relational databases



International A level: Humanities subjects

Geography

Global challenges

Geographical investigations

Contested planet

Researching geography

History

Depth study with interpretations

Breadth study with source evaluation

Thematic study with source evaluation

International study with historical interpretations



International A level: Languages subjects

Offered in French, German and Spanish

Spoken expression and
response

Understanding and written
response

Understanding and spoken
response

Research, understanding
and written response

Offered in Arabic and Greek

Understanding and written
response

Writing and research



Pearson Edexcel Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Developing self management, project management, and academic writing skills through independent, project-based learning

An additional Level 3 qualification designed to be taken alongside International A levels

Self-directed

Learners carry out self-directed learning related to their studies or a topic of interest.

They complete a dissertation, field study, artefact or a performance.

They may choose to research a subject that might not be available through other qualifications.

Highly valued

The EPQ is highly valued by universities and employers as an additional qualification alongside International GCSEs & levels.

Learners develop valuable independent research and project management skills.

University credits

The EPQ earns learners additional UCAS points – up to 28 points for an A* – the equivalent of an International AS level – and helps university applications stand out.



“We welcome the EPQ and would encourage applicants to take one as it will help to develop independent study and research skills valuable for higher education.”

University of Cambridge, UK

“The skills that students develop through the Extended Project are excellent preparation for university level study.”

University of Manchester, UK



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Progression to university and beyond

Progression to university

Pearson Edexcel international academic qualifications are recognised by leading universities across the world - including Oxford, Cambridge, Columbia University and Yale University.

Pearson are closely connected with higher education stakeholders and have a proactive programme of student engagement activities such as advice from higher education experts, a specialised website page and social media communities. They also provide a range of free support to help students progress, such as country study guides, case study blogs and interactive webinars.

[Learn more about all our support for student progression to university.](#)



University recognition: United Kingdom

Pearson qualifications provide learners with access to the world's top universities and prestigious employment opportunities. Developed by education specialists specifically for international learners, here are the leading universities in the United Kingdom that recognise Pearson Edexcel international academic qualifications.

Cambridge University



Oxford University



University College London



King's College University



The London School of Economics and Political Science



University of Edinburgh



University of Manchester



University of Bristol



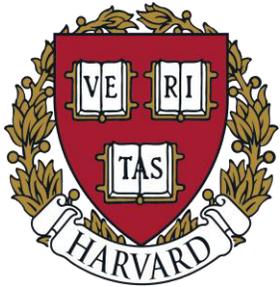
University of Birmingham



University recognition: United States of America

Pearson qualifications provide learners with access to the world's top universities and prestigious employment opportunities. Developed by education specialists specifically for international learners, here are the leading universities in the United States of America that recognise Pearson Edexcel international academic qualifications.

Harvard University



University of California



University of Maryland



City University of New York



Indiana University



Boston University



University of Michigan



University recognition: Europe

Pearson qualifications provide learners with access to the world's top universities and prestigious employment opportunities. Developed by education specialists specifically for international learners, here are the leading universities in Europe that recognise Pearson Edexcel international academic qualifications.

University of Barcelona



Universitat Pompeu Fabra



University of Amsterdam



Bocconi University



Universitat Ramon Llull



Sciences Po



University of Turin



Politecnico di Milano



University recognition: Canada and Australia

Pearson qualifications provide learners with access to the world's top universities and prestigious employment opportunities. Developed by education specialists specifically for international learners, here are the leading universities in Canada and Australia that recognise Pearson Edexcel international academic qualifications.

University of Toronto



University of Manitoba



University of British Columbia



McGill University



University of Melbourne



A reminder of the Pearson Edexcel progression pathway

An international learning continuum

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Supporting your child's progression

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Where to learn more

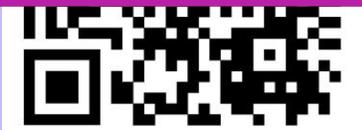
About Pearson Edexcel

Where to learn more about Pearson Edexcel

To learn more about your child's Pearson Edexcel international curriculum and qualifications, scan the QR codes below



Pearson Edexcel
iPrimary



Pearson Edexcel
iLowerSecondary



Pearson Edexcel
International GCSEs



Pearson Edexcel
International A levels



QR codes to be added



Any questions?