



Pearson Edexcel International GCSE English (4EA1, 4EB1, 4ET1 and 4XES2)

Onboarding Guide

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Introduction

Welcome to Pearson

Onboarding Guide

For any queries about International GCSE English qualifications, please contact our Subject Advisors here at teachingenglish@pearson.com

You can also stay in touch with us here:

Facebook :

[-GCSE Facebook group for teachers](#)

[-International GCSE Facebook group for teachers](#)

[-A level Facebook group for teachers](#)

Phone :

[\(+44\) 344 463 2535](#)(Teaching Services team | Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm GMT)

Step 1: Find our qualifications webpage

This is located [here](#).

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International GCSEs

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Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs are globally recognised qualifications with academic content and assessment designed specifically for international learners.

International GCSEs are part of iProgress, the complete series of Pearson Edexcel academic qualifications for 5 to 19 year-olds, for international schools. The iProgress family includes: iPrimary, iLowerSecondary, International GCSE (IGCSE), GCSE, International Advanced level (IAL), GCE A level. It delivers a consistent learning journey for students and teachers, with world class support services, everywhere in the world.

If you are based in the UK, but looking to offer International GCSE in international centres, please change your view from UK to International in the top right-hand corner of this page.

We now offer a choice of linear or modular assessment for many of our International GCSEs.

[> Learn more about International GCSEs](#)

[> Take a look at the Guide to International GCSEs \(PDF | 2.4 MB\)](#)

[Take a look at the Guide to modular International GCSEs \(PDF | 1.4 MB\)](#)

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Learn more and keep updated about International GCSEs

[> Complete our online form](#)

There are three tabs at the top.

The first tab, “Overview” has a guide to the linear and modular International GCSEs which is useful to share with parents and students.

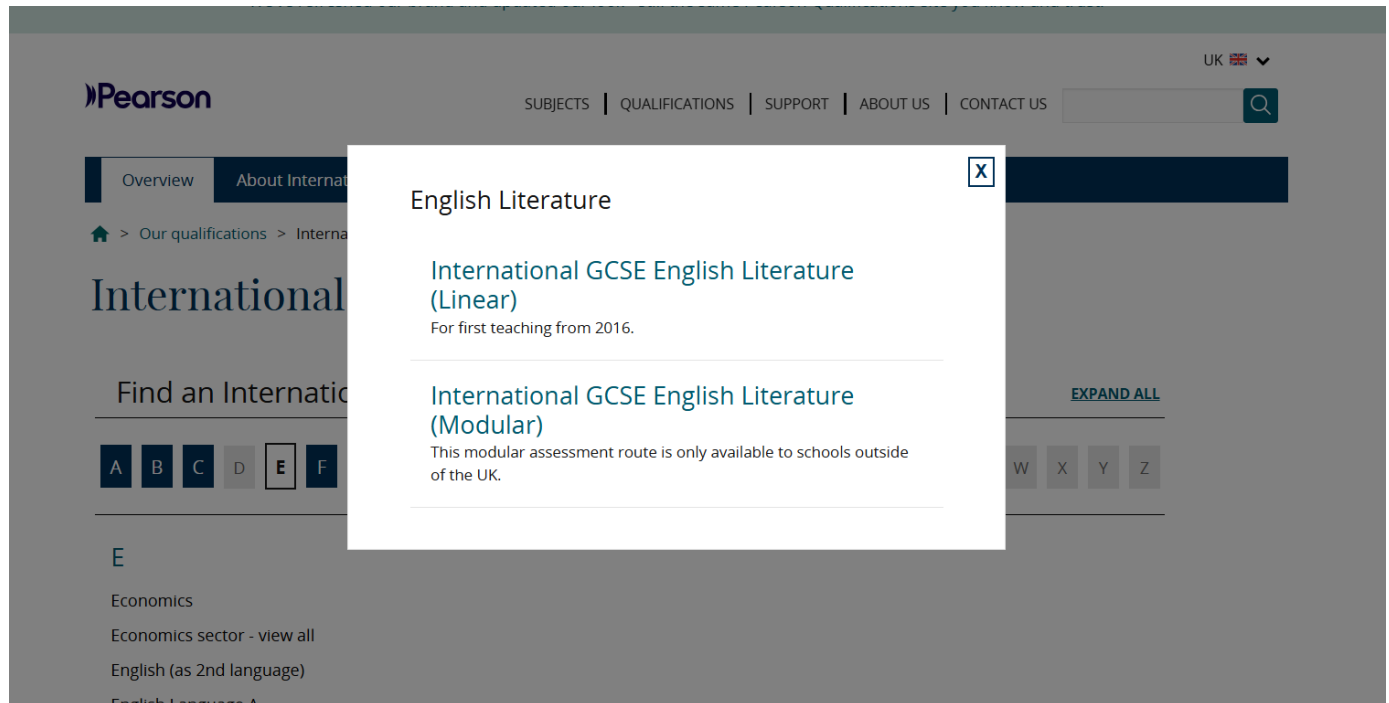
The second tab “About International GCSEs” provides an FAQ about the qualification.

The last tab “The 9-1 grading scale explained”, does what it says to help those of you who are more familiar with the A*-U grading scale.

N.B. You may wish to simultaneously get setup on [Edexcel Online](#) (see step 9) which is a portal to a range of services as this can take a while to process. Your Exams officer should be able to set this up for you.

Step 2: Locate the subject webpage

From the “Overview” tab you will be able to select the subject you are interested in. For example, click **E** for English and then English Literature. You will see a pop-up window that provides you with the linear or modular option.



For convenience, the subject pages for all IG English qualifications are provided below:

[Edexcel International GCSE English Language A | Pearson qualifications](#)

[Edexcel International GCSE English Language B | Pearson qualifications](#)

[Edexcel International GCSE English Literature | Pearson qualifications](#)

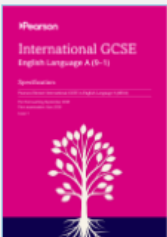
[Edexcel International GCSE English as a Second Language \(ESL\) 2023 | Pearson qualifications](#)

Step 3: Download the specification

The specification can be found on the top left corner of the respective subject webpages linked in the table on the previous page.

The specification sets out the content, structure and assessment requirements for our qualification. It is the key document which defines what students are expected to learn, how they will be assessed, and the standards they need to meet.

Specification



First teaching: **September 2016**
First external assessment: **2018**

Our Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) English Language specification and support materials have been developed with the help of teachers, subject experts, and subject expert groups. The qualification supports progression to further study, with up-to-date content reflecting the latest thinking in the subject. It is comparable to the UK reformed GCSEs in terms of the level of demand and assessment standards.

DOWNLOAD

PDF | 734.4 KB

[Switch to Pearson Edexcel English](#)

Step 3

Register your interest

Find out more about Pearson Edexcel International qualifications and sign up to receive the latest news.

[Let us know](#)

Course materials

- Specification and sample assessments (3)
- Exam materials (196)
- Forms and administration (13)
- Teaching and learning materials (73)

Step 5

Your subject advisor

Clare Haviland
English



Email : teachingenglish@pearson.com

Facebook : [-GCSE Facebook group for teachers](#)
[-International GCSE Facebook group for teachers](#)
[-A level Facebook group](#)

Phone : (+44) 344 463 2535
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Step 4

- [Sign up to updates](#)
- [Book a Teams meeting with Clare Haviland](#)
- [Customer support portal](#)
- [Explore your english community](#)
- [Connect on LinkedIn](#)
- [Sign up to receive subject advisor emails](#)

Teaching support and training

- [New onscreen Mocks Service](#)
- [Training sessions](#)
- [How to order your anthologies \(PDF | 130.1 KB\)](#)



Useful links

- [Onscreen assessment now available](#)

Published resources

To support effective classroom delivery, we've developed a range of published resources for the new Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1), with progression, relevance and support at their core.

[Learn more](#)

Step 6

Step 4: Know how to get advice & sign up to subject updates and network

The contact details for Clare Haviland, our International Sciences Subject Advisor, are located below the specification.

It is highly recommended that you [sign up](#) for the monthly subject updates he provides so that you can be the first to know about any new support materials or important updates. While you are here you might as well catch up with the most recent update which can be found in the “News and updates” box on the right.

You can [email](#) her for any queries you have in relation to the scientific content of our specifications, resources or administration of the qualification.

You can also [book](#) an appointment with her.

You may also find it helpful to discuss issues or share resources with fellow teachers in your community using our Facebook groups:

- [-GCSE Facebook group for teachers](#)
- [-International GCSE Facebook group for teachers](#)
- [-A level Facebook group for teachers](#)

Step 5: Access course materials

Sample Assessment Materials, Exemplar Materials, Anthologies, Past Paper, Mark Schemes, Examiner Reports and other free access support materials are all available in the course materials section of our page.

If you are a subject teacher, it would be a good idea to review the [International GCSE \(9-1\) subject guide](#). This provides the breakdown of the topics covered in each unit and a **comparison between the linear and modular qualifications**.

If you are a Head of Department or Exams officer, you may also wish to review the [Pearson Edexcel International welcome pack](#). For further information specific to carrying out our examinations, please click [here](#).

Step 6: Order Published resources (if you haven't already!)

There is a box located at the bottom right of the subject webpage with a [link](#) to all the published resources for the qualification. This includes a textbooks, teacher resource packs as well as the new International GCSE Sciences Teaching Hubs. The latter provides fully resourced and detailed lesson plans for all guided teaching hours, exam preparation resources and CPD support on common misconceptions and exam technique.



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Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) English

Available in print and digital

Curriculum: British

Ages: 14-16 years

For the Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) English A, English B and English Literature, with progression, international relevance, exam practice and support at their core.

[Download samples >](#)

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PEARSON EDEXCEL INTERNATIONAL GCSE (9-1) ENGLISH LANGUAGE A Student Book

EDEXCEL INTERNATIONAL GCSE (9-1) ENGLISH LANGUAGE B Student Book

EDEXCEL INTERNATIONAL GCSE (9-1) ENGLISH LITERATURE Student Book

NEW: Teaching Hubs

Take a guided interactive [tour](#) and discover how Teaching hubs can help you unlock teaching and learning excellence in the classroom whilst saving yourself hours of preparation time for our IGCSE English Language A and ESL qualifications.

Whilst we do highly recommend these resources, they are optional and not required for course delivery.

Step 7: Attend training

- a) Attend the “Getting Ready to Teach English” and Understanding Assessment and Improving Delivery” **Live** webinar training sessions which are provided free of charge.

You can do this by clicking on the “training sessions link” in the “Teaching support and training” box on the right of the subject webpage and then select “GCSE and A levels, International GCSE and International A Level”.

This will take you to our [Professional Development Academy](#).

Select “Secondary International” and filter by subject.

Whilst in the Professional Development Academy, you may find it helpful to complete the [self-paced online courses](#) such as “Pearson Edexcel Ready! Understanding Pearson Edexcel Exams” and “Pearson Edexcel Ready! Teaching Pearson International GCSE & International A Levels”.

You can also watch past recordings of webinars at your own convenience on our [YouTube channel](#).

Step 8: Plan Your Course

Course Planners

Whilst on the “Teaching and learning materials” tab, click on “Course Planner” on the drop-down menu for a free course planner.

FILTERS

CATEGORIES

☐ Specification and sample assessments (3)

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☐ Forms and administration (13)

☒ Teaching and learning materials (73)

CONTENT TYPE

☒ All

☐ Anthology (3)

☐ Course planner (3)

☐ Coursework support (5)

☐ Exemplar material (11)

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Teaching and learning materials (73)

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Anthology

Course planner

 International GCSE English Language A Thematic Course Planner
| DOCX 79.1 KB | 07 August 2017

 International GCSE English – Course Planner
English Language A
| PDF 1.3 MB | 17 October 2017

 International GCSE English – Course Planner
English Language A and English Literature combined
| PDF 1.2 MB | 17 October 2017

Mapping Document

If you are switching over from a different awarding organisation, we have mapped our specification against those of other awarding organisations.

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☐ DOCX (6)

Teaching and learning materials (73)

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Anthology

Course planner

Coursework support

Exemplar material

Guidance

Lesson plan

Mapping document

 Mapping Document: Pearson Edexcel IG English Language A to CAIE and OxfordAQA | PDF 175.2 KB | 12 December 2025

Non-Examined Assessment: Coursework and Spoken Language Endorsement

Comprehensive coursework and SLE support is available for free open access including recordings of past training sessions in our Teaching and Learning materials section.

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☒ All

☐ DOC (1)

☐ DOCX (6)

☐ PDF (40)

☐ PPTX (1)

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Anthology

Course planner

Coursework support

 English Language coursework clinic
Support delivering coursework for 4EA1 03
| ZIP 1.3 MB | 03 March 2025

 International GCSE English - June 2025 coursework and SLE submission support
Presentation and pre-recording
| PDF 849.7 KB | 10 March 2025

 Sample centre letter to parents explaining coursework arrangements and AI
| DOC 50.5 KB | 21 November 2025

 Coursework and SLE submission guidance
For International GCSEs in English (linear)
| PDF 374.2 KB | 23 February 2026

 Guidance on the use of AI in coursework and other contexts for Int GCSE English Language A
| PDF 119.2 KB | 25 February 2026

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Step 9: Ensuring that your students are well-prepared for examinations

Edexcel Online (EOL)

Edexcel Online is our self-service portal for centre staff. It also gives teaching staff access to various services including online booking for training events. Your Edexcel Online username and password will also give you access to locked Exam Materials, Exam Wizard, Access to Scripts and Results Plus. For further information on how to get it setup, click [here](#).

Exam Wizard

Exam Wizard is a free database of all past exam questions which can be filtered by specification point and assessment objective. This can be used to select questions to complete in lessons for exam practice for specific topics or question types or create end of topic tests or mock examinations or to determine the depth required for a particular specification point.

Results Plus

When your students have sat their examinations, you can tweak your course planning and schemes of work for the following year or plan targeted revision for students taking resits by using our free question level analysis tool called [Results Plus](#).

For further guidance on how to use Exam Wizard and Results Plus, have a look at this [video](#).

Access To Scripts

Results Plus is best used in conjunction with our free [Access To Scripts](#) service where having obtained permission from your students, you may download their marked scripts on results day so that you can see exactly what made them perform less well on certain questions and also select work that is good and poor and use them in lessons.