

World-class and world-renowned

A parent's guide to Edexcel
A level qualifications



A heritage you can trust

At the core of everything we do at Pearson is the desire to make a measurable impact on improving people's lives through learning. From primary school to secondary school, through to professional certification; our qualifications help educate millions of people worldwide.

Edexcel qualifications combine the rigour, traditions and quality associated with **Pearson's 150 year history** as part of the British education system; with the methodology, content and support designed to enable your child to thrive in today's global society.

Our World Class Qualifications standards prepare students and open doors at the world's most **prestigious universities**.



Edexcel A levels offer excellent preparation for university, not only in terms of the learning material but also the level of intensity. The approaches we used to tackle analytical problems or written assignments for our A levels still come in useful at the university level.

Lien Tran, student,
The Nicosia Grammar School, Cyprus.



Designed for the global learner

A level qualifications are considered the **gold standard** for academic achievement.

They equip students, generally aged 16-19, with the knowledge and skills to realise their ambitions and open doors to the most prestigious universities worldwide – including Oxford, Cambridge and Harvard.

Edexcel GCE A levels inspire minds and are among the most widely known and respected qualifications in the world. They follow the UK syllabus and there are over 30 subjects to choose from.

Developed for the unique needs of the global learner, **Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL)** has the same rigorous academic merit as the GCE A level and is currently available in 8 popular subjects including – Mathematics, Biology, Physics and Chemistry.

Whatever your A level requirements, we have a solution for you.

Edexcel GCE A level

- › Follow the UK syllabus, with annual exams in June
- › Choose from over 30 subjects
- › Combine coursework and exams*
- › From 2015 GCE AS levels will be available as stand-alone qualifications, giving students even further scope to study a broad range of subjects*

Edexcel IAL

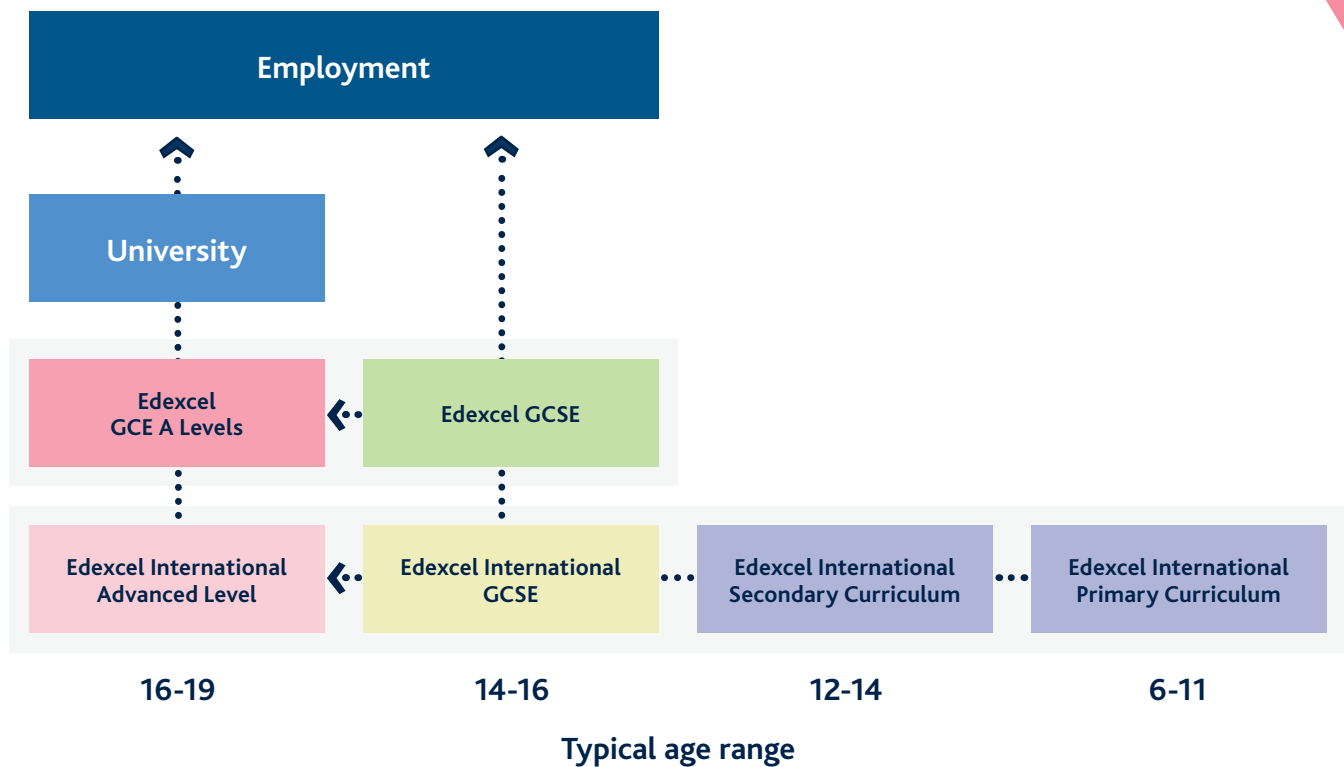
- › Exam options in January and June
- › Internationally focused course content
- › 100% exam based course in all subjects
- › AS level can be used to complete an IAL or taken in conjunction with IALs as a stand-alone qualification.

Both Edexcel GCE A levels and International Advanced Levels prepare students with the skills and knowledge required to gain access to world-class universities. They can be studied together; in conjunction with national qualifications; or with vocational qualifications such as BTEC or LCCI, to provide a comprehensive suite of subjects to study.

*Proposed reforms by the UK government from September 2015 onwards will see GCE A levels move from a modular assessment structure, to linear in some subjects. All examinations would be taken at the end of the two-year course. These reforms do not apply to IALs. To keep up to date with proposed changes, visit www.edexcel.com/international/gcsealevelreform



Education that opens doors



A level success stories

Anastasia Gorshkova – Nicosia, Cyprus

Edexcel A levels in Accounting, Economics, Government & Politics, English Literature, and German.

Why choose Edexcel GCE A levels?

I chose Edexcel A levels as they are strong, internationally recognised qualifications. The Edexcel website also provided excellent resources, such as marking schemes and past papers that helped me prepare for my A Level examinations.

The impact

I am now studying Law & German at King's College, London University, UK and my ambition is to work for a leading law firm.

So what is Anastasia's advice to other students?

Edexcel A level exams can really help shape your future. Work hard, do everything you can and you will thank yourself later.

Irsa Nasir, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Edexcel International Advanced Levels in Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, English and Biology.

Why choose Edexcel IALs?

Edexcel IALs allowed me to learn and think in different ways; and also offered the range of subjects I wanted to study. The course taught me how to deal with exams under pressure and was excellent preparation for university.

The impact

I am now studying medicine at the University of Toronto with a view to eventually becoming a heart surgeon.

So what is Irsa's advice to other students?

I would recommend Edexcel IAL qualifications as they are both challenging and rewarding.



Leading learning development. Fulfilling potential

We have harnessed technology to improve the process and outcomes of learning. Innovations that are unique to Edexcel, such as Results Plus, Results Plus Direct, e-resources and Ask-the-expert are progressive tools that help teachers teach and students to get the most out of our qualifications.

ResultsPlus can significantly benefit your child's learning experience by:

- › identifying potential topics, skills and types of questions where they may need to develop their learning further
- › delivering **detailed analysis** of exam performance at grade, unit and individual question level
- › providing **mock question papers** so that they can measure their performance before the next exam



I use Results Plus to help me find out what results I need to get and what grade I am on. It shows me what I need to improve, what my standards are and what I should be getting

Student, Gumley House School, UK

The best investment you could make for your child's future

By choosing Edexcel GCE A level or Edexcel International Advanced Level, your child will:

- › gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to progress on to the world's most **prestigious universities** or in to employments
- › acquire qualifications that are considered the **world class standard** of academic success
- › benefit from the traditional quality of the British education system combined with a **progressive, international outlook**.

Next steps

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