

Changes to GCSEs, AS and A Levels in Northern Ireland from September 2015

GCE AS and A Level						
Subject	Current Qualifications	Final Assessment (first time entries)	Resit	New AS and A Levels	First Assessment	Additional OCR Qualifications
Art & Design	Art and Design - H160-H166 / H560-H566	June 2016	June 2017	Art and Design - H200 / H600 [See specifications for details of specialist pathways and entry codes]	AS – June 2016 A – June 2017	Cambridge Technicals in Art and Design (Level 3)
Business	Business Studies - H030 / H430	June 2016	June 2017	Business - H031 / H431	AS – June 2016 A – June 2017	Cambridge Technicals in Business (Level 3)
Computer Science	Computing - H047 / H447	June 2016	June 2017	Computer Science - H046 / H446	AS – June 2016 A – June 2017	
Economics	Economics - H061 / H461	June 2016	June 2017	Economics - H060 / H460	AS – June 2016 A – June 2017	
English	English Language - H069 / H469 English Literature - H071 / H471 English Language and Literature - H073 / H473	June 2016	June 2017	English Language - H070 / H470 English Literature - H072 / H472 English Language and Literature (EMC) - H074 / H474	AS – June 2016 A – June 2017	
History	History A - H106 / H506 History B - H108 / H508	June 2016	June 2017	History A - H105 / H505	AS – June 2016 A – June 2017	

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Psychology	Psychology - H168 / H568	June 2016	June 2017	Psychology - H167 / H567	AS – June 2016 A – June 2017	
Science	Biology* - H021 / H421 Chemistry A* - H034 / H434 Physics A* - H158 / H558	June 2017	N/A	<i>Centres in Northern Ireland will need to transfer to the reformed CCEA specifications in these subjects as DENI requirements for practicals in AS/A Level sciences in Northern Ireland are different to requirements in England.</i>	AS – June 2016 A – June 2017	Cambridge Technicals in Laboratory Skills (Level 3)
	Chemistry B (Salters) - H035 / H435 Physics B (Advancing Physics) - H159 / H559 Science (AS only) - H178	June 2016	June 2017			
Sociology	Sociology - H181 / H581	June 2016	June 2017	Sociology - H180 / H580	AS – June 2016 A – June 2017	

* For Northern Ireland centres only, the final assessment opportunity for this qualification will be June 2017, with no resit opportunity.

GCSEs						
Subject	Current Qualifications	Final Assessment (first time entries)	Resit	New GCSE (9-1)	First Assessment	Additional OCR Qualifications
English	English - J350	June 2016	November 2016 & June 2017	English Literature (9-1) - J352	June 2017	N/A
	English Literature - J360	June 2016	N/A	<i>For GCSE English Language centres in Northern Ireland need to switch to the current CCEA GCSE English Language specification in Sept. 2016, then the new CCEA specification in Sept. 2017, which includes speaking and listening in the final grade.</i>		
	English Language (Northern Ireland only) - J345	June 2017	N/A			
Mathematics	Mathematics A - J562	June 2016	November 2016†	Mathematics (9-1) - J560	June 2017	N/A
	Mathematics B - J567 Applications of Mathematics - J925 Methods in Mathematics - J926	June 2016	November 2016 & June 2017			

† Candidates wishing to resit Mathematics A (J562) after November 2016 are able to use the Mathematics B (J567) specification.