

Reformed qualifications update: Changes to GCSEs, AS and A Levels in Northern Ireland from September 2016

GCE AS and A Level						
Subject	Current Qualifications	Final Assessment (first time entries)	Resits	New AS and A Levels	First Assessment	Additional OCR Qualifications
Art & Design	Applied Art and Design* (H013 / H413) Applied Art and Design (Double Award)* (H213 / H613)	Summer 2017	Summer 2018	Art and Design (H200 / H600) [See specifications for details of specialist pathways and entry codes]	AS – Summer 2016 A – Summer 2017	Cambridge Technicals in Art and Design (Level 3)
Business	Applied Business* (H026 / H426) Applied Business (Double Award)* (H226 / H626)	Summer 2017	Summer 2018	Business (H031 / H431)	AS – Summer 2016 A – Summer 2017	Cambridge Technicals in Business (Level 3) (2012 suite and 2016 suite)
Classics	Classics: Classical Greek (H040 / H440) Classics: Latin (H039 / H439) Classics (H038 / H438)	Summer 2017	Summer 2018	Classical Greek (H044 / H444) Latin (H043 / H443) [Ancient History and Classical Civilisation are being redeveloped for first teach in September 2017]	AS – Summer 2017 A – Summer 2018	
Drama	Performance Studies (H148 / H548) Performing Arts (H146 / H546)	Summer 2017	Summer 2018	Drama and Theatre (H059 / H459)	AS – Summer 2017 A – Summer 2018	Cambridge Technicals in Performing Arts (Level 3) (2012 suite and 2016 suite)
Geography	Geography (H083 / H483)	Summer 2017	Summer 2018	Geography (H081 / H481)	AS – Summer 2017 A – Summer 2018	

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Modern Foreign Languages	French (H075 / H475) German (H076 / H476) Spanish (H077 / H477)	Summer 2017	Summer 2018	<i>[Not being redeveloped by OCR – available through other awarding bodies]</i>	N/A	
Music	Music (H142 / H542)	Summer 2017	Summer 2018	Music (H143 / H543)	AS – Summer 2017 A – Summer 2018	
Physical Education	Physical Education (H154 / H554)	Summer 2017	Summer 2018	Physical Education (H155 / H555)	AS – Summer 2017 A – Summer 2018	Cambridge Technicals in Sport (Level 3) (2012 suite) Cambridge Technicals in Sport and Physical Activity (Level 3) (2016 suite)
Religious Studies	Religious Studies (H172 / H572)	Summer 2017	Summer 2018	Religious Studies (H173 / H573)	AS – Summer 2017 A – Summer 2018	
Science	Human Biology* – H023 / H423	Summer 2017	Summer 2018	<i>Centres in Northern Ireland need to move to the new CCEA or WJEC AS/A Level Biology, Chemistry and Physics specifications, which include assessment of practical skills in the final grade.</i>	N/A	Cambridge Technicals in Laboratory Skills (Level 3) (2016 suite)
	Biology† - H021 / H421 Chemistry A† - H034 / H434 Physics A† - H158 / H558	Summer 2017	N/A			

*The Summer 2017 final assessment opportunity and Summer 2018 resit opportunity only applies to centres that have previously offered the qualification.

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

GCSEs						
Subject	Current Qualifications	Final Assessment	Resit	New GCSE (9-1)	First Assessment	Additional OCR Qualifications
Art & Design	Art and Design Suite (J160-J167)	Summer 2017	N/A	Art and Design (9-1) (J170-J176) [See specification for details of specialist pathways and entry codes]	Summer 2018	
Citizenship Studies	Citizenship Studies (Short Course) (J029) Citizenship Studies (Full Course) (J269)	Summer 2017	N/A	Citizenship Studies (9-1) (J270)	Summer 2018	
Classics	Classical Greek (Short Course) (J091) Classical Greek (Full Course) (J291) Latin (Short Course) (J081) Latin (Full Course) (J281)	Summer 2017	N/A	Classical Greek (9-1) (J292) Latin (9-1) (J282)	Summer 2018	
Computer Science	Computing (J275)	Summer 2017	N/A	Computer Science (9-1) (J276)	Summer 2018	
Drama	Drama (J315) Expressive Arts (J367)	Summer 2017	N/A	Drama (9-1) (J316) Art and Design (9-1) (J170-J176) Music (9-1) (J536)	Summer 2018	
English Language	English Language (NI) (J345)	Summer 2017	N/A	<i>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>	N/A	
Food	Home Economics: Food and Nutrition (J431) Design and Technology (Food Technology) (J302)	Summer 2017	N/A	Food Preparation and Nutrition (9-1) (J309)	Summer 2018	

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Geography	Geography A (J382) Geography B (J385) Geography B (Short Course) (J085)	Summer 2017	N/A	Geography A (Geographical Themes) (9-1) (J383) Geography B (Geography for Enquiring Minds) (9-1) (J384)	Summer 2018	
History	History A (Schools History Project) (J415) History B (Modern World) (J418)	Summer 2017	N/A	History A (Explaining the Modern World) (9-1) (J410) History B (Schools History Project) (9-1) (J411)	Summer 2018	
Humanities	Humanities (J445)	Summer 2017	N/A	<i>[Not available for redevelopment – new GCSE (9-1) available in Geography, History and Religious Studies]</i>	N/A	Level 1 Foundation Project Level 2 Higher Project
Modern Foreign Languages	French (J730) French (Short Course (Spoken/ Written)) (J030 / J130) German (J731) German (Short Course (Spoken/ Written)) (J031 / J131) Spanish (J732) Spanish (Short Course (Spoken/ Written)) (J032 / J132)	Summer 2017	N/A	<i>[Not being redeveloped by OCR – available through other awarding bodies]</i>	N/A	
Music	Music (J535)	Summer 2017	N/A	Music (9-1) (J536)	Summer 2018	
Physical Education	Physical Education (J586) Physical Education (Short Course) (J086)	Summer 2017	N/A	Physical Education (9-1) (J587)	Summer 2018	Cambridge Nationals in Sport Science Cambridge Nationals in Sport Studies

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Religious Studies	Religious Studies A (World Religion(s)) (J620) Religious Studies A (World Religion(s)) (Short Course) (J120) Religious Studies B (Philosophy and Applied Ethics) (J621) Religious Studies B (Philosophy and Applied Ethics) (Short Course) (J121)	Summer 2017	N/A	Religious Studies (9–1) (J625) Religious Studies (Short Course) (9–1) (J125)	Summer 2018	
Science	Biology A (Twenty First Century Science) (J243) Biology B (Gateway Science) (J263) Chemistry A (Twenty First Century Science) (J244) Chemistry B (Gateway Science) (J264) Physics A (Twenty First Century Science) (J245) Physics B (Gateway Science) (J265) Further Additional Science A (Twenty First Century Science) (J246) Further Additional Science B (Gateway Science) (J266) Additional Applied Science (J251)	Summer 2017	N/A	<i>New GCSE (9–1) Science qualifications developed for first teach from Sept. 2016 do not meet the requirement in Northern Ireland to include the assessment of practicals in the final grade. Centres in Northern Ireland need to move to the CCEA or WJEC GCSE Science specifications, which include assessment of practical skills in the final grade. See the QualsNI section of the CCEA website.</i>	Summer 2018	
	Science (Single Award) A (Twenty First Century Science) (J241) Science (Single Award) B (Gateway Science) (J261)	Summer 2017	Nov 2017			

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Subject	Current Qualifications	<i>Final Assessment</i>	<i>Resit</i>	New GCSE (9-1)	<i>First Assessment</i>	Additional OCR Qualifications
	Additional Science A (Twenty First Century Science) (J242) Additional Science B (Gateway Science) (J262)					

The following GCSE (9–1) developed for first teaching from September 2015 are also available for teaching in Northern Ireland:

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Subject	Current Qualifications	<i>Final Assessment</i>	<i>Resit</i>	New GCSE (9-1)	<i>First Assessment</i>	Additional OCR Qualifications
English Literature	English Literature (J360)	Summer 2016	N/A	English Literature (J352)	Summer 2017	
Maths	Mathematics A (J562) Mathematics B (J567) Applications of Mathematics (J925) Methods in Mathematics 9 J926)	Summer 2016	Nov 2016 & Summer 2017	Mathematics (J560)	Summer 2017	