

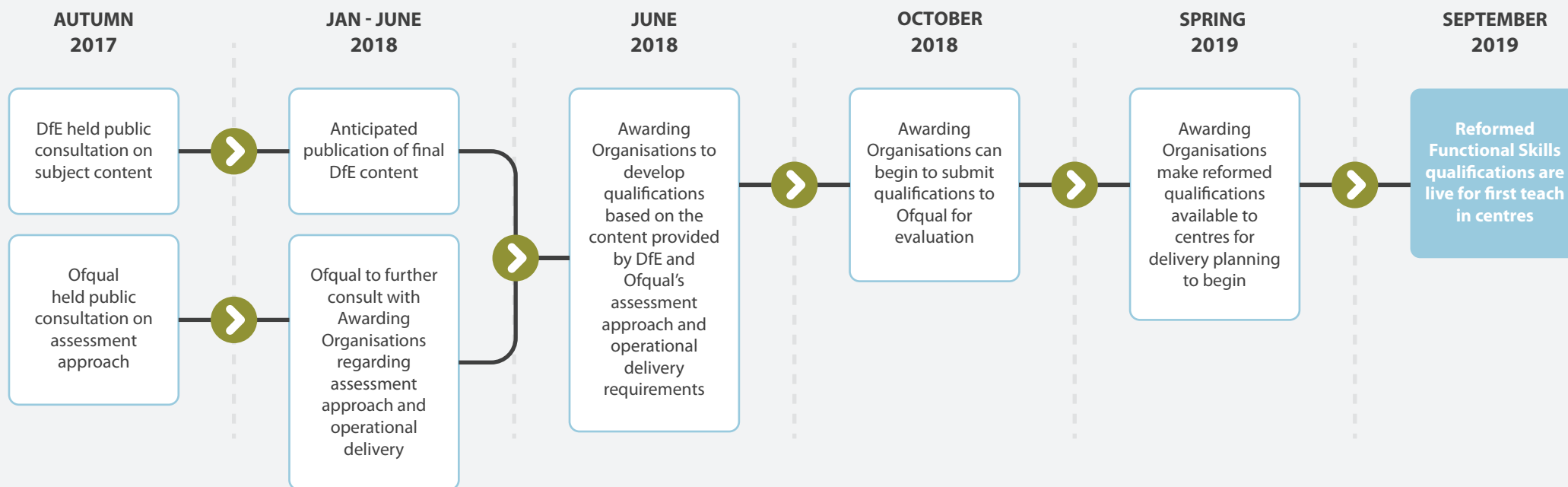
FUNCTIONAL SKILLS – KEEPING YOU IN THE PICTURE!

As you may be aware, both Ofqual and the DfE have recently held public consultations regarding the reform of Functional Skills qualifications in English and Maths at all levels.

The DfE's confirmed purposes for Functional Skills qualifications are to provide:

- Reliable evidence of learners' achievements against demanding, but appropriate, content that is relevant to the workplace
- A foundation into further study or employment
- Assessment of learners' underpinning skills as well as their ability to apply this in different contexts

It is intended that the reformed qualifications are available for first teach in September 2019. The diagram below provides a timeline of the key reform activities, as anticipated by Ofqual.



We are fully engaged with consultations with both bodies and intend to continue to offer the full provision of reformed Functional Skills moving forwards.

We want to keep you updated of our intentions and the key reform timeframes as they progress, so please keep your eye on our Functional Skills webpages for updates.