

## NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Exams Officer / Head of Science / Head of Human Biology / Head of Biology

Date: December 2014

Subject: Last Certification / Availability of GCE Human Biology H023, H423

### UPDATE REGARDING THE END DATE OF GCE HUMAN BIOLOGY FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF OFQUAL CONSULTATION OUTCOME

Over recent months we have received many communications from Centres requesting further information about the future of GCE Human Biology and whether Centres will be able to start teaching a 2 year course from September 2015.

We have now had confirmation from the regulator, Ofqual, that Centres will be able to offer GCE Human Biology to candidates starting from this date but **only** if they currently offer the qualification. The last award of this qualification will be in the summer of 2017.

For centres looking for an alternative GCE course to replace Human Biology, we would recommend our new GCE Biology B (Advancing Biology) qualification, details available here:

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-biology-b-advancing-biology-h022-h422-from-2015/>.

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