

## 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
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	Applied Art and Design* (H013 / H413) Applied Art and Design (Double Award)* (H213 / H613)	June 2017	June 2018	<a href="#">Art and Design (H200 / H600)</a> [See specifications for details of specialist pathways and entry codes]	AS – June 2016 A – June 2017	<a href="#">Cambridge Technicals in Art and Design (Level 3)</a>
<b>Business</b>	Applied Business* (H026 / H426) Applied Business (Double Award)* (H226 / H626)	June 2017	June 2018	<a href="#">Business (H031 / H431)</a>	AS – June 2016 A – June 2017	<a href="#">Cambridge Technicals in Business (Level 3) (2012 suite and 2016 suite)</a>
<b>Classics</b>	Classics: Classical Greek (H040 / H440) Classics: Latin (H039 / H439) Classics (H038 / H438) <i>[NB - Revised versions of the combined Classics qualifications, Classics (H002 / H402), consisting of Ancient History and Classical Civilisation units only, are available for final assessment in June 2018 and resit in June 2019]</i>	June 2017	June 2018	<a href="#">Classical Greek (H044 / H444)</a> <a href="#">Latin (H043 / H443)</a> [Ancient History and Classical Civilisation have been redeveloped for first teach in September 2017]	AS – June 2017 A – June 2018	
<b>Drama</b>	Performance Studies (H148 / H548) Performing Arts (H146 / H546)	June 2017	June 2018	<a href="#">Drama and Theatre (H059 / H459)</a>	AS – June 2017 A – June 2018	<a href="#">Cambridge Technicals in Performing Arts (Level 3) (2012 suite and 2016 suite)</a>

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Geography	Geography (H083 / H483)	June 2017	June 2018	<a href="#">Geography (H081 / H481)</a>	AS – June 2017 A – June 2018	
Modern Foreign Languages	French (H075 / H475) German (H076 / H476) Spanish (H077 / H477)	June 2017	June 2018	<i>[Not being redeveloped by OCR – available through other awarding bodies]</i>	N/A	
Music	Music (H142 / H542)	June 2017	June 2018	<a href="#">Music (H143 / H543)</a>	AS – June 2017 A – June 2018	
Physical Education	Physical Education (H154 / H554)	June 2017	June 2018	<a href="#">Physical Education (H155 / H555)</a>	AS – June 2017 A – June 2018	<a href="#">Cambridge Technicals in Sport (Level 3) (2012 suite)</a> <a href="#">Cambridge Technicals in Sport and Physical Activity (Level 3) (2016 suite)</a>
Religious Studies	Religious Studies (H172 / H572)	June 2017	June 2018	<a href="#">Religious Studies (H173 / H573)</a>	AS – June 2017 A – June 2018	
Science	Human Biology* – H023 / H423	June 2017	June 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	<a href="#">Cambridge Technicals in Laboratory Skills (Level 3) (2016 suite)</a>
	Biology† - H021 / H421 Chemistry A† - H034 / H434 Physics A† - H158 / H558	June 2017	N/A			

\*The June 2017 final assessment opportunity and June 2018 resit opportunity only applies to centres that have previously offered this qualification.

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

GCSEs						
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<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	Art and Design Suite (J160-J167)	June 2017	N/A	<a href="#">Art and Design (9-1) (J170-J176)</a> [See specification for details of specialist pathways and entry codes]	June 2018	
<b>Citizenship Studies</b>	Citizenship Studies (Short Course) (J029) Citizenship Studies (Full Course) (J269)	June 2017	N/A	<a href="#">Citizenship Studies (9-1) (J270)</a>	June 2018	
<b>Classics</b>	Classical Greek (Short Course) (J091) Classical Greek (Full Course) (J291) Latin (Short Course) (J081) Latin (Full Course) (J281)	June 2017	N/A	<a href="#">Classical Greek (9-1) (J292)</a> <a href="#">Latin (9-1) (J282)</a>	June 2018	
<b>Computer Science</b>	Computing (J275)	June 2017	N/A	<a href="#">Computer Science (9-1) (J276)</a>	June 2018	
<b>Drama</b>	Drama (J315) Expressive Arts (J367)	June 2017	N/A	<a href="#">Drama (9-1) (J316)</a> <a href="#">Art and Design (9-1) (J170-J176)</a> <a href="#">Music (9-1) (J536)</a>	June 2018	
<b>English Language</b>	English Language (NI) (J345)	June 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	
<b>Food</b>	Home Economics: Food and Nutrition (J431) Design and Technology (Food Technology) (J302)	June 2017	N/A	<a href="#">Food Preparation and Nutrition (9-1) (J309)</a>	June 2018	

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<b>Geography</b>	Geography A (J382) Geography B (J385) Geography B (Short Course) (J085)	June 2017	N/A	<a href="#">Geography A (Geographical Themes) (9–1) (J383)</a> <a href="#">Geography B (Geography for Enquiring Minds) (9–1) (J384)</a>	June 2018	
<b>History</b>	History A (Schools History Project) (J415) History B (Modern World) (J418)	June 2017	N/A	<a href="#">History A (Explaining the Modern World) (9–1) (J410)</a> <a href="#">History B (Schools History Project) (9–1) (J411)</a>	June 2018	
<b>Humanities</b>	Humanities (J445)	June 2017	N/A	<i>[Not available for redevelopment – new GCSE (9–1) available in <a href="#">Citizenship</a>, <a href="#">Geography A</a>, <a href="#">Geography B</a>, <a href="#">History A</a>, <a href="#">History B</a> and <a href="#">Religious Studies</a>]</i>	N/A	<a href="#">Level 1 Foundation Project</a> <a href="#">Level 2 Higher Project</a>
<b>Modern Foreign Languages</b>	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)	June 2017	N/A	<i>[Not being redeveloped by OCR – available through other awarding bodies]</i>	N/A	
<b>Music</b>	Music (J535)	June 2017	N/A	<a href="#">Music (9–1) (J536)</a>	June 2018	
<b>Physical Education</b>	Physical Education (J586) Physical Education (Short Course) (J086)	June 2017	N/A	<a href="#">Physical Education (9–1) (J587)</a>	June 2018	<a href="#">Cambridge Nationals in Sport Science</a> <a href="#">Cambridge Nationals in Sport Studies</a>

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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)	June 2017	N/A	<a href="#">Religious Studies (9-1) (J625)</a> <a href="#">Religious Studies (Short Course) (9-1) (J125)</a>	June 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)	June 2017	N/A	<i>The Department of Education have announced that from September 2017 centres in Northern Ireland will be able to deliver new GCSE (9-1) Science qualifications.</i> <a href="#">Biology A (Gateway Science) (9-1) (J247)</a> <a href="#">Biology B (Twenty First Century Science) (9-1) (J257)</a> <a href="#">Chemistry A (Gateway Science) (9-1) (J248)</a> <a href="#">Chemistry B (Twenty First Century Science) (9-1) (J258)</a> <a href="#">Physics A (Gateway Science) (9-1) (J249)</a>	June 2018	
	Science (Single Award) A (Twenty First Century Science) (J241) Science (Single Award) B (Gateway Science) (J261)	June 2017	Nov 2017	<a href="#">Physics B (Twenty First Century Science) (9-1) (J259)</a> <a href="#">Combined Science (Double Award) A (Gateway Science) (9-1) (J250)</a>		

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	Additional Science A (Twenty First Century Science) (J242) Additional Science B (Gateway Science) (J262)			<a href="#">Combined Science (Double Award) B (Twenty First Century Science) (9-1) (J260)</a>		