

# Think Again

Whether you're already with us or you're an international school looking to offer a British-style curriculum, think again about what Pearson Edexcel can offer.

**Which International GCSE  
grade is more valuable?**

**9**



**A\***

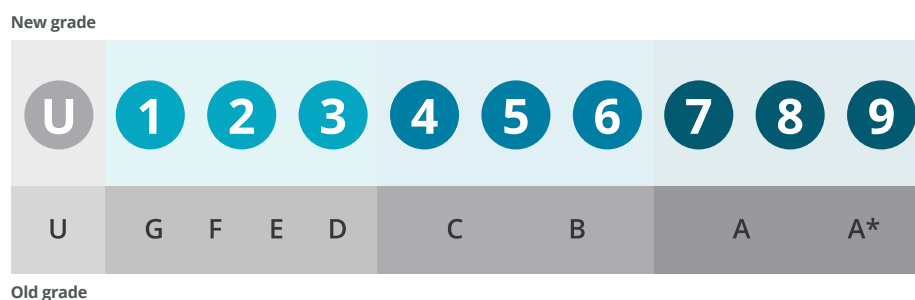


# Think Again

The new grade 9 is more valuable than the A\* because it's awarded to fewer students than A\*, with top performing students now being awarded three grades (9, 8 and 7), rather than two grades (A\* and A). So under the new system, a smaller proportion of students are awarded a grade 9.

“ **Grade 9 is not the same as A\*; it's a new grade, designed to recognise the very highest performing students.**

- Ofqual



## What is the (9–1) grading scale?

The new nine point grading scale (9–1) was introduced by the UK government to raise standards and recognise top performing students.

## Why should my school move to International GCSE (9–1)?

This year, over 5 million GCSEs and International GCSEs will be awarded using the 9–1 grading scale, making it the most used and recognised grading scale for GCSE and International GCSE.

By moving to the new 9–1 grading scale, you ensure that your choice of International GCSE is most closely aligned to the British curriculum so students can successfully progress to GCE A level, International A Level and to university.

## Is moving to the revised specification difficult?

Change is never easy, so we've kept it to a minimum. We worked closely with educators while we were developing our new International GCSEs, and made sure we kept all the things that made them great, and only made small changes based on what you.

Learn more at [quals.pearson.com/thinkagain](https://quals.pearson.com/thinkagain)

**Who is the only awarding  
organisation to  
give free online access to  
exam scripts?**



# Think Again

Pearson Edexcel are the first and only awarding organisation to provide free and immediate online access to exam scripts. This means that you can make better, more timely decisions about requesting remarks by comparing an individual's script against the published mark scheme, and also offers the huge benefit of hindsight - helping you to learn from previous students' responses and continually evolve your planning and teaching.

Access to Scripts in numbers, Summer 2018



What is the Access to Scripts service and how do I use it?

- It is a self-service portal via Pearson Edexcel Online giving you instant access to scripts.
- The online portal allows you to view your candidates' marked scripts online or download as a PDF.
- You will be able to evaluate how your candidates performed on particular questions and how that is reflected in their final grade.
- It will help you to identify skills gaps so you can tailor future teaching plans.
- You can use the Access to Scripts service to help decide if you wish to request a review of marking.

**Who has the**

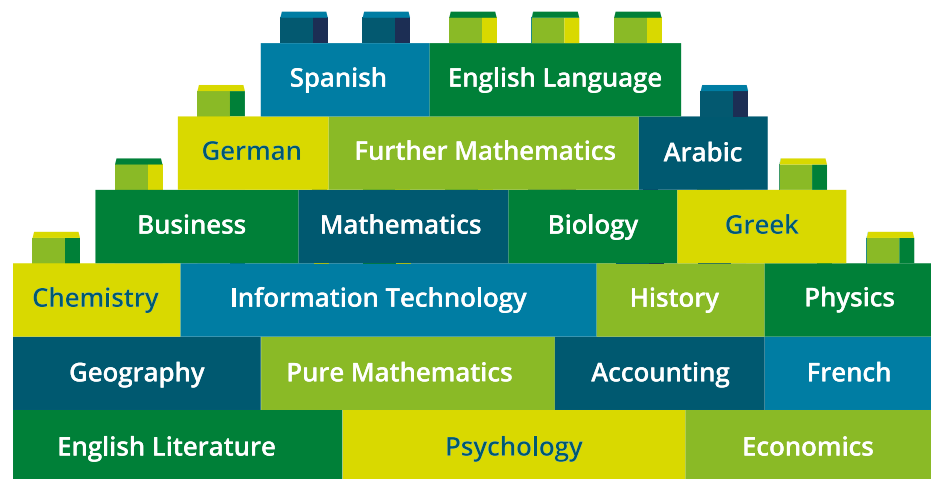


**International  
Advanced Levels?**

# Think Again

Pearson Edexcel offer the most modular International Advanced Levels with 20 subjects. The modular approach is popular as, unlike the linear approach, it means that exams are taken at the end of each unit. This gives students more flexibility to take exams at the right time for them - we offer assessments in January, June and October for most subjects.

## Our modular International A Levels



Students of modular International A Levels also benefit from more exam practice and familiarity, and get to understand the standards expected of them. They also have the option to retake, so students have more opportunity for overall success.

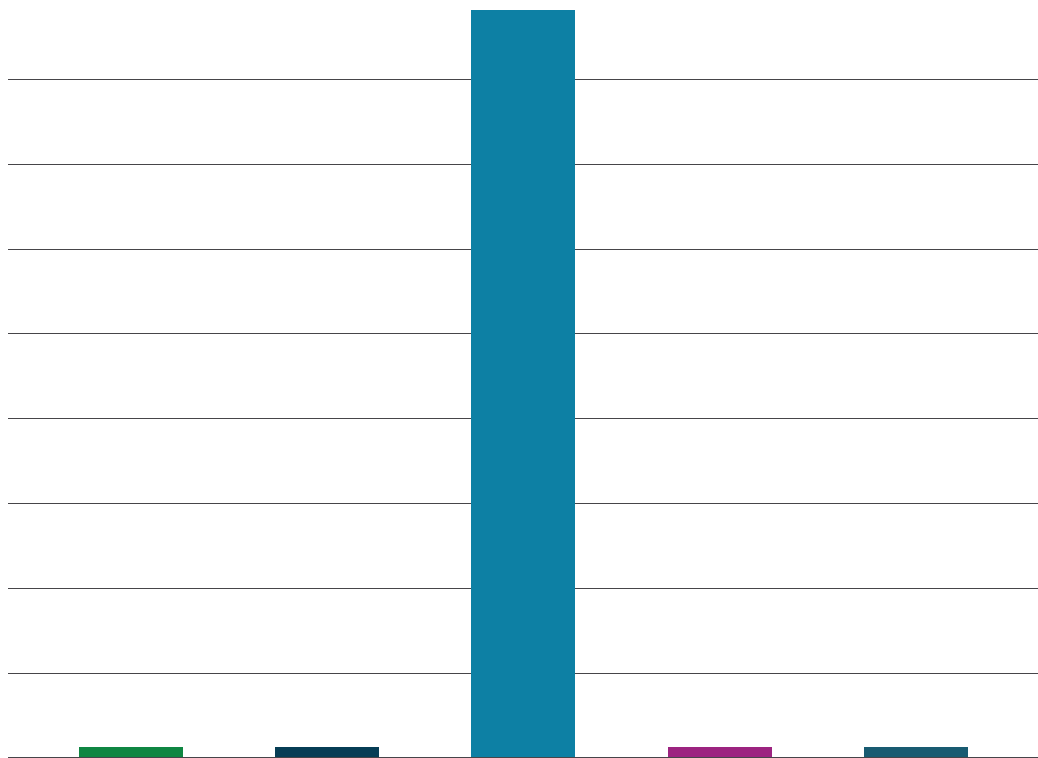
## Did you know?

- Our International AS qualifications can be taken separately or used as a stage on the way to completing an Advanced Level.
- Pearson Edexcel International A Levels are recognised by universities and employers worldwide.
- International Levels are comparable to the GCE A Level standard as externally benchmarked by NARIC\*.

\* The National Recognition Information Centre for the United Kingdom (NARIC) are the national agency responsible for providing information and expert opinion on qualifications and skills worldwide.



# Who delivers the most accurate exam results first time?





# Think Again

**Pearson Edexcel delivers the most accurate exam results in the UK with 99.2%\* of grades accurate on results day in 2017, meaning of teachers and students can feel confident that they'll get the right outcome.**

## How do you get such accurate results?

ePEN, our unique, image-based marking system, ensures real time monitoring, quality control and reporting to ensure the highest quality marking and provision of data.

Unlike traditional exam paper marking, our examiners mark one anonymised question at a time, rather than one paper/script at a time. They submit marks for each item as they go which removes any potential bias they may have based on a student's answers to previous questions, and produces remarkably accurate results.



**1.**  
Students take the exam on paper



**2.**  
Exam papers are scanned



**3.**  
Examiners mark anonymised questions online



**4.**  
Data insight drives improved outcomes



**Who is the  
largest  
awarding  
organisation  
in the UK?**

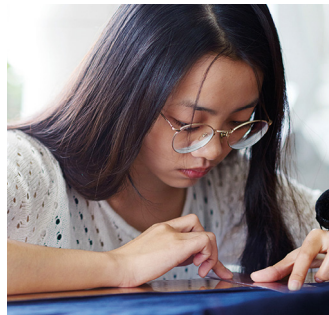


# Think Again

Pearson is the UK's largest awarding organisation with more than 3.4 million students studying our qualifications worldwide and marking over 9 million exam scripts on behalf of the UK Department for Education each year. We also offer the broadest range of qualifications, through organisations like Pearson Edexcel, BTEC, LCCI and EDI.

It might also surprise you to know that in addition to our international suite of qualifications (iPrimary, iLowerSecondary, International GCSE and International A Level), we also offer Ofqual\* regulated qualifications in the UK and internationally, ensuring close alignment with British education standards.

*\*The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation*



**150  
years**

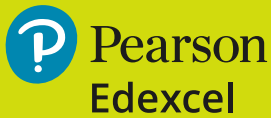
**6,500  
schools**

**3.4 million  
students**



**Trusted by  
millions of  
learners**

Pearson's international education heritage stretches back over 150 years, with the first University of London school examinations taking place in 1905. Today Pearson partners with schools, colleges and employers, globally, to offer qualifications to over 3.4 million students a year.



[quals.pearson.com/thinkagain](https://quals.pearson.com/thinkagain)

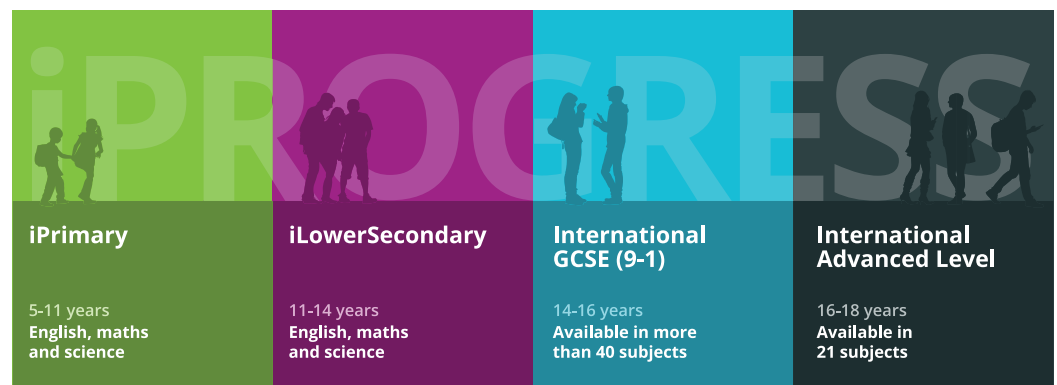
Learn more at [quals.pearson.com/thinkagain](https://quals.pearson.com/thinkagain)

## Pearson Edexcel iProgress

**As the UK's largest awarding organisation, Pearson Edexcel is best placed to provide academic qualifications that are recognised as being most closely aligned to the British educational system.**

Pearson Edexcel iProgress is our complete series of academic qualifications for 5 to 19 year-olds, for international schools. The iProgress family includes: iPrimary, iLowerSecondary, International GCSE (IG), GCSE, International Advanced level (IAL), and GCE A level.

It delivers a consistent learning journey for students and teachers, everywhere in the world.



## More than just a curriculum or qualification

iProgress offers professional development and training that keeps teachers up to date with the latest educational practices, support materials that make planning and teaching lessons easier, student courseware to make learning engaging and rewarding and unrivalled post-exam services.