

AS and A-level Timeline of changes

AS and A-levels are being changed in three phases.

Phase one subjects are Art and Design, Business, Computer Science, Economics, English Language, English Language and Literature, English Literature, History, Psychology, the sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) and Sociology. These subjects will be available for first teaching in September 2015.

Phase two subjects are Dance, Drama and Theatre, Geography, Music, Modern Foreign Languages (French, German, Spanish),

Physical Education and Religious Studies. These subjects will be for first teaching in September 2016.

Phase three* subjects are Accounting, Archaeology, Classical Civilisation, Design and Technology – Product Design, Design and Technology – Fashion Design and Development, Environmental Science, Further Maths, Government and Politics, History of Art, Law, Mathematics, Media Studies, Philosophy and Statistics. These subjects will be available for first teaching in September 2017.

AS levels will be stand-alone qualifications and will no longer contribute to A-levels.

Ofqual expect that schools and colleges with students starting AS studies in September 2015, will enter them for the new specifications that will be examined for the first time in June 2016. In addition, schools and colleges should not be entering individual candidates for both new and outgoing specifications in the same subject. They are also **consulting** on the availability of re-sits, the decision is expected in April 2016.

