

GCSE

Timeline of changes

GCSEs are being changed in three phases. **Phase one** subjects include English Language, English Literature and Mathematics. These subjects will be available for first teaching in September 2015.

Phase two subjects include Art and Design, Citizenship Studies, Computer Science, Dance, Drama, Food Preparation and Nutrition, Geography, History, Music, Modern Foreign Languages (French, German, Spanish), Physical Education, Religious Studies and sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Double Science). These subjects will be available for first teaching in September 2016.

Phase three* subjects include Business, Design and Technology, Economics, Engineering, Media Studies, Modern Foreign Languages (Bengali, Chinese, Italian, Modern Hebrew, Polish, Panjabi, Urdu) Psychology, Sociology, Statistics. These subjects will be available for first teaching in September 2017.

Please note that the only re-sit opportunities for outgoing specifications will be for English Language, English and Maths (including linked pair Maths GCSEs – Applications of Mathematics and Methods in Mathematics). Ofqual are currently **consulting on**

their proposal whether students taking those subjects in summer 2016, will also have a re-sit opportunity in summer 2017 as well as the already agreed November 2016 series. The consultation will also consider whether a further re-sit opportunity should be made available for GCSEs in science subjects in summer 2018. The consultation decision is expected in April 2016.

