

Timeline of GCSE reforms



Current GCSEs

New GCSEs

NOVEMBER 2014
Resit exams for:

- maths
- English
- English language only.

Results out in January.

SUMMER 2015
First exams for strengthened:

- history
- English literature qualifications.

SUMMER 2016
Last exams for the current GCSEs in:

- English
- English language
- English literature
- maths.

NOVEMBER 2016
Last chance to re-sit:

- maths
- English
- English language exams.

SUMMER 2017
Last exams for many current GCSEs including:

- geography
- history
- biology
- chemistry
- physics
- double science
- modern foreign languages
- ancient languages
- religious studies
- design and technology
- art and design
- drama
- dance
- music
- physical education
- computer science
- citizenship studies.



AUTUMN 2014
Specification available to schools before first teaching of new GCSEs in September 2015 in:

- English language
- English literature
- maths.

SEPTEMBER 2015
First teaching of new GCSEs in:

- English language
- English literature
- maths.

AUTUMN 2015
Specification available to schools before first teaching of new GCSEs in September 2016 in:

- geography
- history
- biology
- chemistry
- physics
- double science
- modern foreign languages
- ancient languages
- religious studies
- design and technology
- art and design
- drama
- dance
- music
- physical education
- computer science
- citizenship studies
- cooking and nutrition.

SEPTEMBER 2016
First teaching of new GCSEs:

- geography
- history
- biology
- chemistry
- physics
- double science
- modern foreign languages
- ancient languages
- religious studies
- design and technology
- art and design
- drama
- dance
- music
- physical education
- computer science
- citizenship studies
- cooking and nutrition.

AUTUMN 2016
Specifications for any remaining new GCSE subjects (subject to consultation) to be available to schools ahead of first teaching in September 2017.

SUMMER 2017
First exams for new GCSEs in:

- English language
- English literature
- maths.

SEPTEMBER 2017
First teaching of remaining new GCSEs.

NOVEMBER 2017
Resit opportunities for the new GCSEs in:

- English language
- maths.

SUMMER 2018
First new GCSE exams in:

- geography
- history
- biology
- chemistry
- physics
- double science
- modern foreign languages
- ancient languages
- religious studies
- design and technology
- art and design
- drama
- dance
- music
- physical education
- computer science
- citizenship studies
- cooking and nutrition.