

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Exams Officer and Heads of English, Mathematics and ICT Departments

Date: September 2011

Subject: Legacy OCR GCSE specifications in English, Mathematics and ICT

Legacy GCSE English, Mathematics and ICT specifications are available for the final time in the January 2012 series

This notice concerns the withdrawal of the legacy GCSE English, Mathematics and ICT specifications and their replacement with new specifications, introduced for first teaching in September 2010.

The legacy GCSE specifications being withdrawn are:

- English – 1900
- English Literature – 1901
- Mathematics A (Linear) – J512
- Mathematics B (MEI) – J519
- Mathematics C (Graduated Assessment) – J517
- Mathematics D (Pilot) – J913
- Additional Mathematics (Pilot) – J915
- Applied ICT: Double Award – 1494
- ICT A – full course 1994 and short course 1094
- ICT B – full course 1995 and short course 1095

The new GCSE specifications (teaching from September 2010) are:

- English – J350
- English Language – J355
- English Literature – J360
- Mathematics A – J562
- Mathematics B – J567
- Methods in Mathematics (Linked Pair Pilot) – J925
- Applications of Mathematics (Linked Pair Pilot) – J926
- ICT – full course J461 and short course J061
- Computing (Pilot) – J275

The table overleaf lists the relevant assessment opportunities in 2012.

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Series	Legacy (outgoing) English, Mathematics and ICT specifications	New specifications (teaching from September 2010)
Jan 2012	All assessments available. Certification of all GCSEs available. Certification of ICT short course GCSEs available.	The assessments shown in the specifications and Admin Guide as being available in this series will be offered. Certification available only for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics Linked Pair GCSEs • Computing (Pilot) GCSE • ICT short course GCSE
Jun 2012	No assessments offered. No certification available.	All assessments available. Certification of all GCSEs available. Certification of ICT short course available.
Nov 2012	No assessments offered. No certification available.	GCSE Mathematics A and B: all assessment and certification entries available.

There are no Mathematics assessments available in March 2012.

It is important to note that the **final opportunity for assessment and certification for the legacy specifications is January 2012**. No assessment or certification will be available for these qualifications after the January 2012 examination series. You must ensure that all candidates entered for legacy specifications satisfy all the criteria to receive a qualification grade. See the *OCR Admin Guide: 14–19 Qualifications* for details.

Candidates may not combine legacy and new units to make up a whole GCSE qualification. **OCR cannot transfer credit** from legacy GCSE specifications to new GCSE specifications.

If you have any queries about this notice, please call our Customer Contact Centre on 01223 553998.