



RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENT

## NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Exams Officers, Heads of Departments and Teachers of GCSE English, English Literature, ICT and Mathematics specifications

Date: November 2009

Subject: Withdrawal of OCR GCSE English, English Literature, ICT and Mathematics specifications

### TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS FROM CURRENT (LEGACY) TO NEW SPECIFICATIONS

This notice applies to the current (legacy) GCSE English, English Literature, ICT and Mathematics specifications that will be superseded by GCSE qualifications introduced for first teaching in **September 2010**. (It does **not** apply to OCR GCSE qualifications revised for first teaching from September 2009 or Sciences.)

The following table lists the assessment opportunities during this transition:

Examination series	Current (legacy) specifications	New specifications
January 2011	Only those units that are normally offered in the January series will be available. <i>Certification of full and short course specifications possible.</i>	The units shown in the specification as being available in this series will be offered. <i>No certification possible.</i>
June 2011	All units and terminal examinations available.	The units shown in the specification as being available in this series will be offered.
	<i>Certification of full and short course specifications possible.</i>	<i>Certification of short course specifications possible.</i>
January 2012	All units and terminal examinations available.	The units shown in the specification as being available in this series will be offered.
	<i>Certification of full and short course specifications possible.</i>	<i>Certification of short course specifications possible.</i>
June 2012	No examinations offered.	All units, components and terminal examinations available.
	<i>No certification possible.</i>	<i>Certification of full and short course specifications possible.</i>

It is important to note that the **final opportunity for assessment and certification** of these current (legacy) specifications is **January 2012**. No assessment or certification will be available after this point.

Also, it will not be possible for students to combine legacy and new units to make up a whole GCSE qualification. We cannot transfer credit from legacy to new GCSE specifications.

Any enquiry about this notice should be referred to the OCR Customer Contact Centre, 01223 553998, OCR, 1 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB1 2EU.