

# 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 and English language 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 (French, German and Spanish)
- ancient languages (classical Greek and Latin)
- religious studies
- art and design
- drama
- dance
- music
- physical education
- computer science
- citizenship studies
- food preparation and nutrition.

**SEPTEMBER 2016**  
First teaching of new GCSEs:

- geography
- history
- biology
- chemistry
- physics
- double science
- modern foreign languages (French, German and Spanish)
- ancient languages (classical Greek and Latin)
- religious studies
- art and design
- drama
- dance
- music
- physical education
- computer science
- citizenship studies
- food preparation and nutrition.

**AUTUMN 2016**  
Specifications for any remaining new GCSE subjects, including design and technology (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 including design and technology.

**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 (French, German and Spanish)
- ancient languages (classical Greek and Latin)
- religious studies
- art and design
- drama
- dance
- music
- physical education
- computer science
- citizenship studies
- food preparation and nutrition.