

Edexcel's Mathematics Newsletter

– a formula for total success

Welcome to the first edition of our new newsletter for mathematics. Aiming to provide updates, reminders, details of events and developments across our suite of mathematics qualifications, we hope that you will find this a useful resource.

With the new academic year now underway, the mathematics team is working hard to provide you with the support you need to deliver and teach with ease.

The countdown to 2010

GCSE Mathematics for 2010 is the buzz phrase of the moment in our office. In July you would have had the first taste of our new specifications for GCSE Mathematics which were posted in draft format on our website. Having received feedback from QCDA, we have made some alterations to our proposal.

Importantly, we are still proposing to offer two specifications:

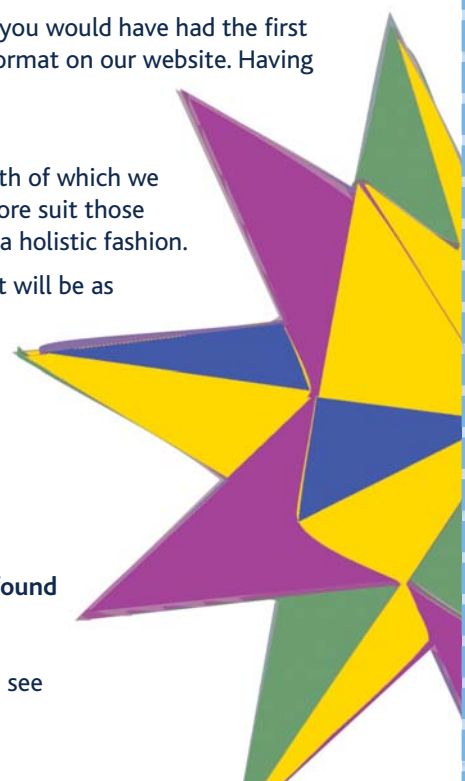
Specification A will be totally linear, with a non-calculator and calculator paper, both of which we are proposing are taken for the first time in June 2012. This specification will therefore suit those centres that already follow our current linear model or centres that like to teach in a holistic fashion.

Specification B will have three units rather than the initially proposed four. Content will be as per our initial proposal, and we are proposing the units will be shaped as follows:

- **Unit 1: (calculator)**
Statistics & Probability, Number & Algebra, Geometry & Measure 30%
- **Unit 2: (non-calculator)**
Number & Algebra, Geometry & Measure 30%
- **Unit 3: (calculator)**
Number & Algebra, Geometry & Measure 40%

A copy of our new draft specification and sample assessment materials can be found online for Spec B. Information and details on Spec A will be posted shortly.

We've also added information on [case studies](#) and [resources](#) to our website so can see how our mathematics qualifications really add up.



GCSE Maths10 Launch events

Want to find out how our new specifications and support can help you raise attainment?

Join our team throughout October as we begin a second series of free launch events for the new GCSE Mathematics qualifications.

Come and *meet members of our mathematics team* and find out why our new specifications are your formula for success. [Click here](#) for a list of dates and details on how to book your place.

[Want to find out what our July events were like?](#)
[Take a look at our taster video.](#)

Need a solution for busy timetabling?

If getting out of class is a problem this term, why not log on to an [online seminar](#)?

You can sit back and let our subject experts guide you through our new and engaging GCSE Mathematics specifications, for first teaching in September 2010.

GCSE Mathematics Linked Pair Pilot

From September 2010 we will be offering a new GCSE pilot in mathematics to a very limited number of centres. The 'linked pair' pilot will consist of two GCSEs:

- **GCSE in Methods in mathematics** – the pure aspects of mathematics
- **GCSE in Applications in mathematics** – mathematics in everyday contexts, such as financial applications, and problem-solving in real-life scenarios.

Centres will need to enter learners for both GCSEs to meet the programme of study. Each GCSE will be offered at foundation and higher tier.

If you are interested in registering for this pilot, you can find an expression of interest form and FAQ document [on our website](#). Please note that we can only accept 100 centres onto the pilot and expressing an interest is no guarantee of participation.

We have submitted draft specifications and sample assessment materials to QCA which we expect to be accredited in the autumn term and these can also be accessed [online](#).

Key dates

Entries for GCSE examinations in November

20 October - amendment fees (for any amendments to existing entries)

1 November - higher late fees (for any late entries or amendments after that date).

If you need guidance in making entries our [Information Manual](#) contains all the information you need to know.

Exam dates:

5 and 10 November - GCSE Mathematics linear papers

5, 10 and 13 November - GCSE Mathematics modular papers

Results will be issued on **Thursday, 14 January 2010**.

Key dates for all our subjects including entry information can be found [here](#).

GCSE Statistics



If you recently expressed an interest in taking our new GCSE Statistics qualification you may have received a **GCSE Delivery Tools Pack** at the start of this academic year. Complete with wall planner, a CD ROM with digital course planners, Student Guides and schemes of work, a ResultsPlus Booklet and details of our GCSE Statistics Delivery events, it contains everything you need to get started this term.

To ensure that you receive ongoing support make sure you've signed up to our **Controlled Assessment Support Service** at www.edexcel.com/cass. This service will make sure you have all the information you need to understand, deliver and assess units with controlled assessment components.

If you haven't yet expressed an interest in our GCSE Statistics qualification and wish to do so ask your Head of Department to email us at...

GCSE09Team@edexcel.com and request a **GCSE Statistics Delivery Tool Kit**. Please include your centre number, contact name and address in your email.

Published resources - teaching support you can rely on

Visit our partner Pearson's new [website](#) to find out what resources can help you succeed in mathematics this year. You can also sign up for their [e-newsletter](#) and request your free evaluation pack for GCSE Mathematics 2010.

The new A* at GCE

The A* grade will be awarded for the first time in summer 2010 to students cashing-in from Summer 2010 onwards. It will affect those students taking the A level mathematics course but not the AS course. You can read about how the A* grade will be award on our [website](#) or on the [QCDA website](#).

Functional Mathematics

If your centre meets the **eligibility requirements** which have been extended from this September, you will be able to join our Functional Mathematics pilot and start preparing for the live qualification in September 2010.

As one of the largest awarding bodies to be delivering the pilot we are using all our experience and expertise to create a qualification that creates confident learners who can use and apply mathematics in the real world. If you're not yet eligible to join you can **register for our Development Programme** and receive access to free training and **resources**.

To find out more, visit www.edexcel.com/fsmaths or come along to one of our **free Overview Events** this November.

Already with us? Make sure you've registered to attend a **feedback seminar** this term.

AEA to stay until 2012

Our AEA or Advanced Extended Award for Mathematics, has been **extended until 2012** – so unlike other AEA's which have been replaced by the Extended Project you can still enter your most able students in for this qualification. Designed to challenge the top 10% of candidates nationally it helps differentiate between the most able candidates.

You can **find out more about AEA here**.

Training and feedback

If you need some support and feedback on your GCSE Mathematics and Statistics, GCE Mathematics and Entry Level examinations, we will be running a series of feedback and support meetings in the autumn and spring terms. *You can find further details on these events in our training directory or by searching by subject at www.edexcel.com/trainingbookings.*

Autumn/Winter 2009:

- GCSE Mathematics: Feedback on the June 2009 Linear Examinations
- GCSE Mathematics: Feedback on the June 2009 Modular Terminal Examination & Unit Tests
- GCSE Statistics: Feedback on the June 2009 Statistics Examinations
- GCSE Statistics: Support Meeting for GCSE Statistics (New specification)
- AS and Advanced GCE Mathematics: Feedback Meeting on June 2009 Examinations
- AS and Advanced GCE Mathematics: Feedback and Support Meeting for D1 and D2 June 2009 Examinations
- AS and Advanced GCE Further Mathematics: Feedback Meeting on June 2009 Examinations
- GCE 08 Mathematics: Starting to Teach GCE Mathematics
- Local meetings on the Entry Level Certificate

Spring 2010:

- GCSE Mathematics: Regional Support for Two Tier Mathematics – Linear and Modular

Taking on the world:

Our Mathematics Emporium is your answer to support

If you haven't yet signed up for access to our Mathematics Emporium, do so today. www.edexcelmaths.com has been designed for teachers who deliver our Entry Level, GCSE, IGCSE, GCE and AEA specifications. From here you can access a vast number of resources from past papers, mark schemes and examiner reports to full and comprehensive teacher guides and specifications.

To register visit www.edexcelmaths.com, click 'register for an account' and complete our short form!

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