

# THE ONLINE SCHOOL

## IGCSE SUBJECT & EXAM HANDBOOK

“TheOnlineSchool.UK offers an educational alternative for students unable to access mainstream learning. We pride ourselves on creating a comfortable, safe & stress-free learning environment for all students, allowing them to heal their relationship with education. We celebrate what makes students different & accommodate their needs through personalised learning, adapted teaching techniques, flexible lesson structures & our unique virtual learning platform.”

Ali Latif

**Founder** - [TheOnlineSchool.UK](https://theonlineschool.uk/)

## EXAMS

TheOnlineSchool.UK offers our KS4 students the option to take iGCSE exams. iGCSEs are provided by the same company as other mainstream GCSEs, Edexcel, and are equally recognised by Colleges and Sixth Forms. If your child expresses an interest in sitting iGCSE exams, our designated exams adviser will support you in finding a local exam centre & will work with you to establish a schedule that is right for your child. Not all exams have to be taken during the same exam period, we often encourage a staggered approach so as not to overwhelm our students. Students can choose to sit their exams before or after the Y11/16 y/o timeframe followed by mainstream schools, we will instead be guided by when your child feels ready.

There are two exam periods each year, summer and winter. The registration deadline for each exam period typically closes 2 months before the scheduled start date. This year's deadlines can be found below along with the final exam timetables.

At The Online School, there is no fixed exam timeline or trajectory. The student has complete freedom to choose...

- **Which** subjects they sit exams in
- **When** they sit those exams

Students may prefer to take all their iGCSE exams in Summer of Y11, others may split between the summer & winter seasons. Equally, some students opt to spread the exams over several years so as to build their confidence & reduce the pressure associated with exams.

### Edexcel Pearson Guide to International GCSEs:

[Pearson Edexcel International GCSE Guide 2023](#)

| 2024 Exam Periods   |
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| <b>Summer - May 2025</b><br><a href="https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/Support/Examination-timetables-for-Edexcel-International-GCSE/november-2024-int-gcse-final.pdf">https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/Support/Examination-timetables-for-Edexcel-International-GCSE/november-2024-int-gcse-final.pdf</a> |
| <b>Registration Deadline for May/June Exams: 03/2025</b><br>Please let us know by 1st March 2025 if your child is taking exams in Summer 2025.  |
| <b>Winter - November 2024</b> <a href="#">November 2024 Examination Timetable - FINAL   Pearson Edexcel International General Certificate of Secondary Education</a>  |
| <b>Registration Deadline for November Exams: 09/2024</b><br>Please let us know by 15th September 2024 if your child is taking exams in Winter 2024.   |

| Subject            | Exam Code                            | Further Information   | Specification Link                                       |
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| Mathematics A      | Paper 1: 4MA1/1F<br>Paper 2: 4MA1/2F | 2 Papers - Foundation Tier - Each is 50% of qualification<br><br>Each paper is assessed through a 2 hour examination  | <a href="#">Maths (9-1) Specification</a>                |
| English Language B | Paper 1: 4EB1/01                     | 1 Paper - 100%<br><br><b>Section A</b> – Questions related to two previously unseen text extracts; up to a total of 40 marks.<br><br><b>Section B</b> – One 30-mark writing task<br><br><b>Section C</b> – One 30-mark writing task<br><br>The total number of marks available is 100.<br><br>The assessment duration is 3 hours. | <a href="#">English Language B (9-1) Specification</a>   |
| English Literature | Paper 1: 4ET1/01<br>Paper 2: 4ET1/02 | Paper 1: Poetry and Modern Prose (60%)<br><br>Paper 2: Modern Drama and Literary Heritage   | <a href="#">English Literature (9-1) - Specification</a> |

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|                             |   | <p>Texts (40%)</p> <p><u>The Online School Chosen Texts:</u><br/>Romeo &amp; Juliet<br/>An Inspector Calls<br/>Pride &amp; Prejudice</p>   |   |
| <b>Science Double Award</b> | <p>Paper 1: 4SD0/1B<br/>Paper 2: 4SD0/1C<br/>Paper 3: 4SD0/1P</p> | <p>3 Papers - 2 hour duration each- 110 marks each paper</p> <p>Biology Paper 1- (33.3%)</p> <p>Chemistry Paper 1- (33.3%)</p> <p>Physics Paper 1- (33.3%)</p>   | <a href="#">Science (Double Award) (9-1) - Specification</a>    |
| <b>Psychology</b>           | <p>Paper 1: 1PS0/01<br/>Paper 2: 1PS0/02</p>                      | <p><u>Paper 1:</u><br/>Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes<br/>55% of the qualification<br/>98 marks</p> <p><u>Paper 2:</u><br/>Written examination: 1 hour and 20 minutes<br/>45% of the qualification<br/>79 marks</p>                                      | <a href="#">Pearson Edexcel GCSE Psychology (9-1) from 2017</a> |
| <b>Spanish</b>              | <p>Paper 1: 4SP1/01<br/>Paper 2: 4SP1/02<br/>Paper 3: 4SP1/03</p> | <p>3 Papers:</p> <p><u>Listening (25%)</u><br/>30 minutes, plus 5 minutes' reading time<br/>40 marks</p> <p><u>Read and Writing (50%)</u><br/>1 hour 45 minutes<br/>80 marks (40 reading, 40 writing)</p> <p><u>Speaking (25%)</u><br/>8-10 minutes<br/>40 marks</p> | <a href="#">Spanish (9-1) Specification</a>                     |
| <b>History</b>              | <p>Paper 1: 4HI1/01<br/>Paper 2: 4HI1/02</p>                      | <p>2 Papers - Each is 50% of the qualification<br/>Each paper is 1 hour and 30 mins- 60 marks each</p> <p>Paper 1- Depth Studies</p> <p>Paper 2- Investigation and Breadth Studies</p>   | <a href="#">History (9-1) Specification</a>                     |
| <b>Geography</b>            | <p>Paper 1:4GE1/01<br/>Paper 2:4GE1/02</p>                        | <p>2 Papers-</p> <p>Paper 1- Physical Geography (40%) 1 hour 10 mins</p> <p>Paper 2 - Human Geography (60%) 1 hour 45 mins</p>   | <a href="#">Geography (9-1) Specification</a>                   |

**Further Information & Guidance:**

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| <b>Exams Information on our Website:</b> | <a href="https://theonlineschool.uk/gcses-exams-fags/">https://theonlineschool.uk/gcses-exams-fags/</a> |
| <b>Pearson Edexcel Website:</b>          | <a href="#">International GCSEs   Pearson qualifications</a>  |

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