

Changes to A Level – Briefing Sheet 3 – Oct 2017

What is happening to A Levels?

From September 2015 A Levels are changing their format to become linear (all examinations taken at the end of two years), rather than modular qualifications.

Which subjects are changing?

The changes will be happening in phases:

- **Phase 1 subjects** (first teaching September 2015):
Art & Design (including Photography), Business Studies, Economics, English Language, English Literature, History, Psychology, Science (Biology, Chemistry & Physics) & Sociology.
- **Phase 2 subjects** (first teaching September 2016)
Drama, Design & Technology, Geography, Languages, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Music, Physical Education & Religious Studies.
- **Final Phase subjects** (first teaching September 2017)
Film Studies, Media Studies, Maths & Further Maths.

When will the first exams happen?

Phase	1 st A Level Exams
Phase 1 Subjects	Summer 2017
Phase 2 Subjects	Summer 2018
Final Phase Subjects	Summer 2019

How will this affect Hellesdon Sixth Form students?

Most students will choose 3 A Level subjects. These will be assessed via Public Examinations in June of Y13.

Are BTECs changing?

Yes. BTECs have changed with the introduction of an examination section (previously they have been 100% coursework/assignment based).

Where should I go for more information?

Each Exam Board has a dedicated A Level page and you are able to sign up to e-mail newsletters as parents/students.