

AS and A-level Timeline of changes

AS and A-levels are being changed in three phases.

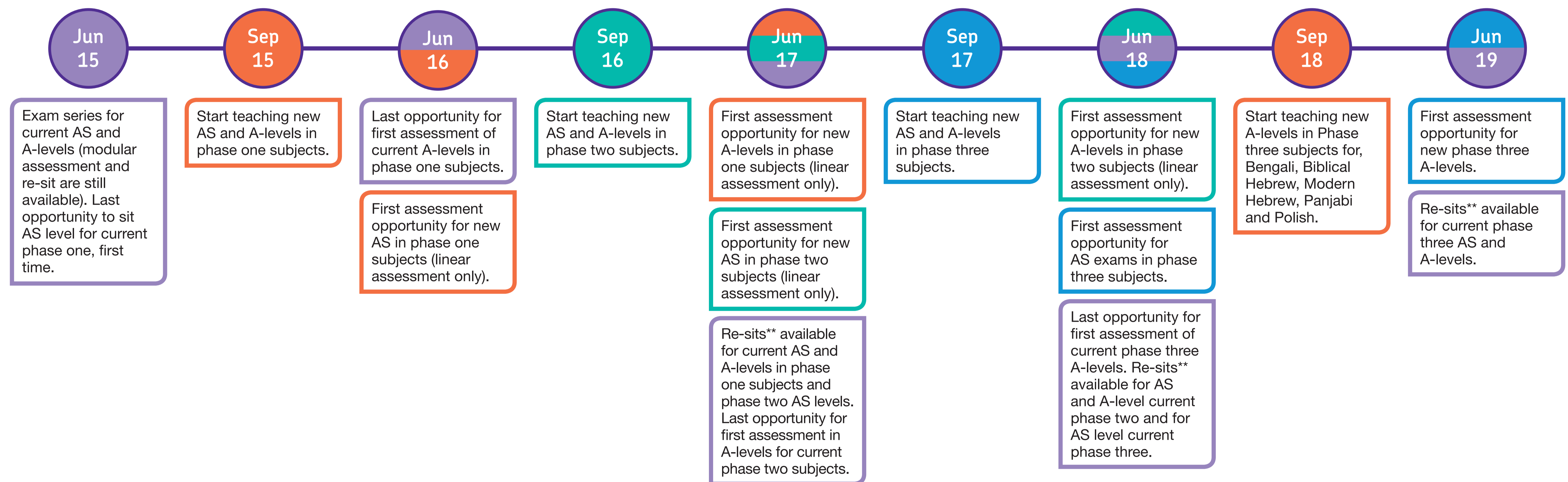
Phase one subjects are Art and Design, Business, Computer Science, Economics, English Language, English Language and Literature, English Literature, History, Psychology, the sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) and Sociology. These subjects will be available for first teaching in September 2015.

Phase two subjects are Dance, Drama and Theatre, Geography, Music, Modern Foreign Languages (French, German, Spanish), Physical Education and Religious Studies. These subjects will be for first teaching in September 2016.

Phase three* subjects are Accounting, Archaeology, Classical Civilisation, Design and Technology – Product Design, Design and Technology – Fashion Design and Development, Environmental Science, Further Maths, Government and Politics, History of Art, Law, Mathematics, Media Studies, Philosophy and Statistics. These subjects will be available for first teaching in September 2017. We're pleased to announce we'll also be developing[†] A-levels in Bengali, Biblical Hebrew, Modern Hebrew, Panjabi and Polish for first teaching in September 2018 and first assessment opportunity in 2020.

AS levels will be stand-alone qualifications and will no longer contribute to A-levels.

Ofqual expect that schools and colleges with students starting AS studies for Phase one in September 2015, Phase two in 2016 and Phase three in 2017 will enter them for the new specifications that will be examined for the first time in June 2016, 2017 and 2018 respectively. They also expect that schools and colleges should not be entering individual candidates for both new and outgoing specifications in the same subject.



* Subject to confirmation by Ofqual.

** Re-sits are only available to those students who have taken the qualification previously, or who had good reason not to have taken it when planned (such as illness). It is recognised that there are likely to be exceptions to these requirements, and schools/colleges should continue with their current entry patterns, for example taking AS over two years. If your school/college feel that you have students who would be disadvantaged by Ofqual's expectations and would like to seek further advice, please contact [Customer Services](#).

† The last exams for students taking the current AS level will be June 2018, with a final re-sit opportunity in June 2019. The last exams for students taking the current A-level will be June 2019, with a final re-sit opportunity in June 2020.

This timeline is correct as of April 2016.