

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

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### Withdrawal of GCE Ancient History (9278) with effect from the May/June 2010 examinations

Dear Principal/Examinations Officer

Edexcel is constantly reviewing its qualifications to ensure that they are appropriate and relevant for international centres. Following a recent review, Edexcel has decided to withdraw **GCE Advanced level Ancient History (9278)** as the entries for this subject are very low.

Centres are asked to note that **the final examination date for the above subject will be May/June 2010**. There will be no opportunity to re-sit the examination for the subject after that date.

Edexcel is committed to supporting centres in delivering qualifications until their final examination date. This notification and further information about Edexcel qualifications can be found on the Edexcel website: [www.edexcel-international.org.uk](http://www.edexcel-international.org.uk)

A list of Frequently Asked Questions is attached to this letter.

For further information on other qualifications available to centres please contact your local British Council: <http://www.britishcouncil.org.uk>

If you have any other queries concerning Edexcel qualifications, please contact your local regional office.

Yours faithfully

Ross Hall  
Director of International

## Frequently Asked Questions

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#### **Why is Edexcel withdrawing these qualifications?**

Edexcel has recently reviewed its provision of GCE syllabuses and has decided to withdraw from subjects where the demand has fallen to a very low level. This is part of Edexcel's commitment to providing modern and up-to-date qualifications that are appropriate and relevant for international centres.

#### **When is the last opportunity to sit the exam for the withdrawn subjects?**

The last examinations for GCE Ancient History (9278) will be May/June 2010.

#### **Will re-sit opportunities be available after 2010?**

No, there will not be an opportunity to re-sit after 2010.

#### **What will happen if I have already started teaching one of these subjects?**

Edexcel is committed to supporting centres in delivering the above qualifications until the final examination date.

#### **Where can I obtain more information about qualifications?**

Information about all Edexcel qualifications can be obtained from the Edexcel website:  
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#### **Who do I speak to about these withdrawals?**

Your local regional office will be able to provide further information. Details of all regional offices are available from the Edexcel website: [www.edexcel-international.org.uk](http://www.edexcel-international.org.uk)