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A guide for parents

Pearson Edexcel iPrimary
and iLowerSecondary

Laying the foundations for your child's success

Hello, we're Pearson and we're pleased to meet you! We're delighted that your child's school is offering Pearson Edexcel iPrimary and iLowerSecondary programmes, providing them with a world-class education and access to the latest teaching, learning, and assessment methods.

Following our iPrimary and LowerSecondary curricula will ensure your child develops an excellent foundation for progression to International GCSE and beyond.

In this guide, we'll explain why you're in good company as a parent of a child at a Pearson Edexcel school; where our curricula and qualifications can take your young learner; how our iPrimary and iLowerSecondary curricula work and how we support and celebrate the educators and learners in your child's school.

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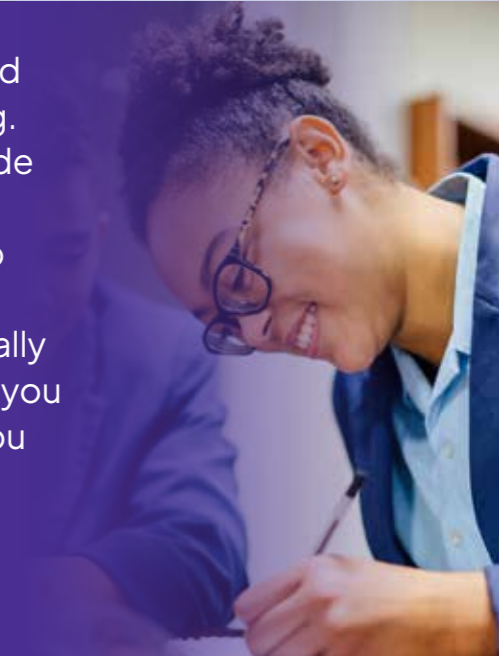
Our international qualifications and resources deliver results

See what our schools and learners say. Scan the QR code or search 'success stories' at [pearson.com/international-schools](https://www.pearson.com/international-schools).



“I started studying Pearson Edexcel when I was a kid, and I immediately found the books and lessons very engaging. The curriculum felt fun and easy to understand, which made learning enjoyable instead of stressful. This helped me build confidence in my studies and motivated me to keep improving. I believe Pearson Edexcel qualifications will support me in reaching a high academic level and eventually entering a top university. To other students, I would say: if you want a curriculum that is clear, enjoyable, and prepares you well for the future, Pearson Edexcel is a great choice.”

Nada Yousef, Pearson Edexcel International GCSE student, Oya International School, Libya



“If you are looking for a qualifications partner that combines academic rigour, international recognition, and the flexibility to adapt to your unique educational philosophy, Pearson is an excellent choice. Their support empowers both teachers and students, and the qualifications open doors worldwide. Most importantly, Pearson enables you to maintain your school's ethos while providing your students with a world-class education and future-ready skills.”

Mercedes Gil, Principal, Montessori British School, Spain



Welcome to Pearson

As the world's leading learning company, our mission at Pearson is to help people realise the life they imagine through learning.

We offer international qualifications and assessments designed specifically for international students, that are recognised and accepted by universities all over the world and provided to your child's school by a trusted and respected awarding body with a long history of qualifications provision.

We work together with international schools around the world to make a positive difference to learners' lives and we believe the best part of working in education is seeing learners progress.

Let's make a difference to your child's future, together.

We are trusted

Your child's school has chosen to partner with us, joining thousands of schools around the world who have done the same and are enjoying the benefits for their educators and learners.

We are innovative

These schools value our innovation and our world-renowned curriculum content and qualifications and benefit from the choice and flexibility we offer. We are delighted to provide your child's school with the same range of opportunities, supporting your child's educational journey.

We are with you

Our international schools trust us and work closely with their local Pearson consultants who share their vision and work every day to help them achieve it. This trusted partnership ensures your child receives the very best educational support, while you as parents benefit from the assurance that your child's school is backed by a dedicated team invested in their success.



Our qualifications heritage stretches back **over 100 years**



More than **3.5 million students** take our qualifications globally each year



Our Pearson Edexcel international and UK qualifications are offered in **more than 115 countries worldwide**



We mark **over 10 million exam scripts** per year on behalf of the UK Department for Education



Our international and UK qualifications are **recognised and accepted** by universities all over the world

We are with you, for you

The right curriculum can unlock everything. Our globally respected curriculum is shaped with educators, for students.

It builds the skills that matter most: problem solving, critical thinking, collaboration, leadership. Skills that help students grow into confident, curious young adults. Skills that universities love. Skills that life demands.

And we're here to help educators shape it, adapt it, and make it work for your child's school - so the teaching they receive stays relevant, purposeful, and rooted in real progress.

“I chose these qualifications because they are globally recognised by universities all over the world and studying abroad has always been my biggest dream. They're designed with a global perspective which I believe will allow me to apply internationally with ease, knowing my qualifications meet the global standards.”

Rethabile Mokuinihi, New Millennium International School Lesotho, Africa

Rethabile studied Pearson Edexcel iLower Secondary followed by Pearson International GCSEs.



With you, ahead of the rest

When it comes to shaping the minds of the next generation, trust really matters. At Pearson, we've been earning that trust for 100 years.

We work with schools and learners in over 115 countries. Every year, we award over 2.3 million qualifications. And we mark 10 million exam scripts for the UK government - more than any other international exam board.

But it's not just about scale. It's about what that scale makes possible. Access to top universities. Global careers. And lives filled with purpose, passion, and possibility.

You can trust Pearson Edexcel's international qualifications and curricula

Pearson Edexcel international qualifications are recognised and accepted for entry by universities worldwide. Thousands of students around the world follow our Early Years Foundation Stage, iPrimary and iLowerSecondary curricula, moving on to Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs before progressing to International A levels and onto the world's most respected universities.

“I chose Pearson Edexcel international qualifications because of their global recognition and commitment to quality education. The rigorous curriculum and diverse subject choices have not only prepared me for university but also helped me grow in critical thinking and adaptability. To students considering Pearson Edexcel, I highly recommend it for its credibility, comprehensive learning experience, and the opportunities it opens for a bright future.”

Win Pyae Aung, Taylor's University Malaysia undergraduate (Foundation degree)



Introducing iPrimary and iLowerSecondary

Laying the foundation for your child's future success

Our iPrimary and iLowerSecondary (iPLS) programmes deliver age-appropriate learning for children aged 3 to 14 and lay the best foundations for your child as they progress through the learning stages.

These programmes form part of iProgress, our complete continuum for international schools which also includes Pearson Edexcel International GCSEs and International A levels, and provides a consistent international learning journey for your child, wherever you are in the world.

They are written with English as a Second Language learners in mind and are designed with a global outlook.

iPrimary includes support for six years of teaching in Maths, English, Science, Computing and Global Citizenship alongside complete support for two years of pre-Primary reception/kindergarten and pre-k.

iLowerSecondary includes support for three years of teaching from years 7–9, explicitly preparing students for International GCSE.

Both programmes also include skills-based support for Years 1 to 9 for Art, Music, PE, Geography, History and Design & Technology, providing your child with the skills and knowledge they need for success when they progress to International GCSE and beyond..



Principles for progress based on pedagogical research

We developed our iPrimary and iLowerSecondary programmes according to ten principles identified by our pedagogical experts from research across multiple international contexts.

These aren't just theoretical concepts, but practical ideas that every teacher can incorporate in their lessons, designed to give your child the best opportunity to make progress in their learning.

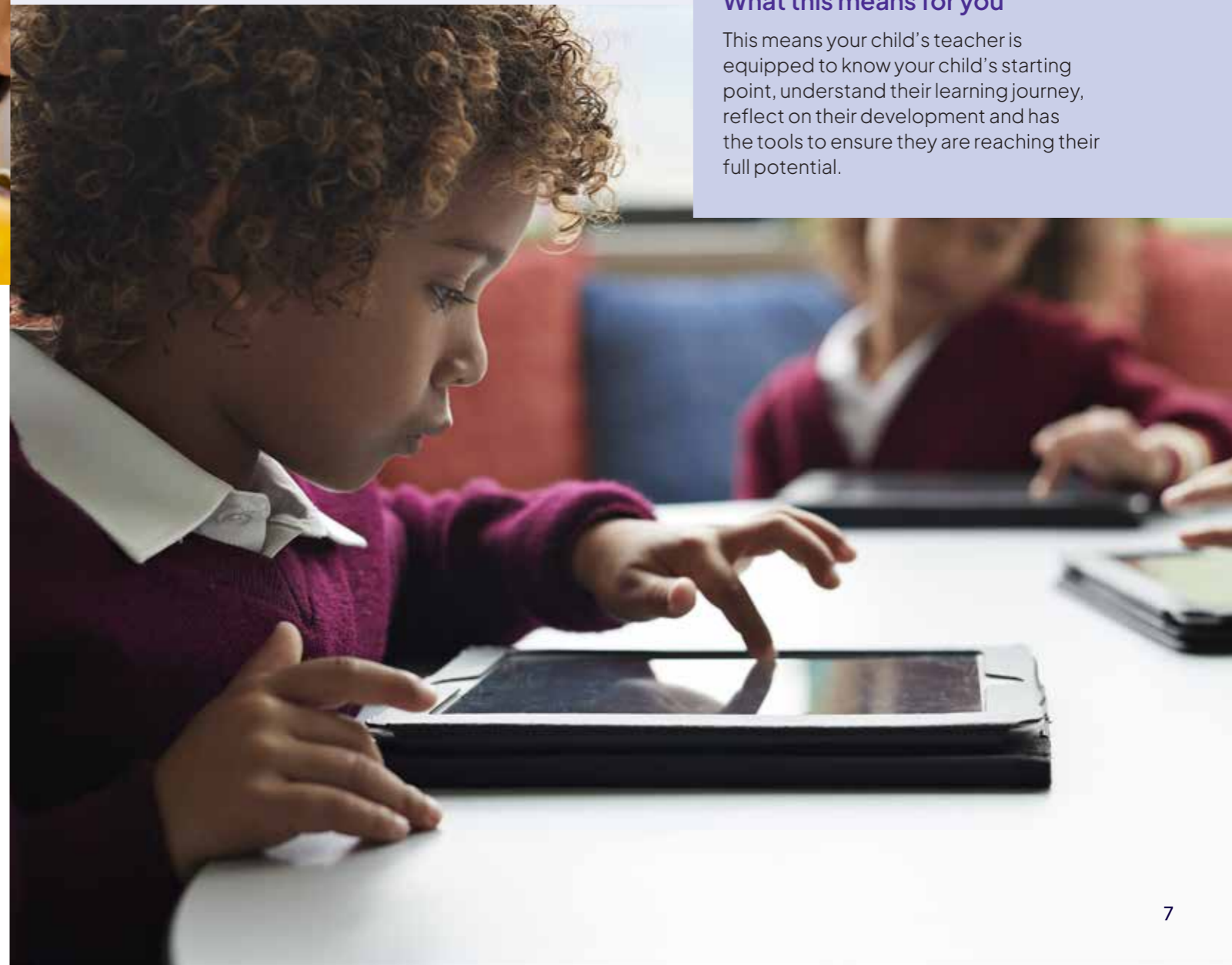
We give teachers guidance on teaching approaches, tips, and issues to watch out for, all written in clear, practical steps that they can use in the classroom.

The ten principles are:

- 1 Engaging everyone
- 2 Differentiation
- 3 Enabling independent learning
- 4 Effective questioning
- 5 Teacher talk
- 6 Collaborative activities
- 7 Teacher demonstration
- 8 Developing thinking skills
- 9 Reflecting on learning
- 10 Feedback (in both directions)

What this means for you

This means your child's teacher is equipped to know your child's starting point, understand their learning journey, reflect on their development and has the tools to ensure they are reaching their full potential.



iPROGRESS

			
iPrimary	iLowerSecondary	International GCSE (9–1)	International AS/A Level
Ages 3–11	Ages 11–14	Ages 14–16	Ages 16–19
Includes Early Years. Covers 11 subjects	Covers 11 subjects	Available for 37 subjects	Available for 21 subjects



Full support for your child and their teachers

Supporting your child's progress

Schools following our curriculum receive free teacher professional development and programme support so they spend less time navigating the curriculum and more time inspiring your children.

International benchmarking

Knowing your child's starting point, understanding their learning and reflecting on their development helps to ensure the best opportunities in their educational journey. As a result, ongoing assessment underpins these new programmes. This includes regular progress tests, assessed by the school, as well as external assessment. This provides a certificated qualification that is internationally benchmarked against students around the world.

Mapped to world-renowned resources

iPrimary and iLowerSecondary have been mapped to our wide range of Pearson resources that are loved by students and teachers across the globe. These include Bug Club, Abacus and KS3 Maths Progress - further enhancing the iPrimary and iLowerSecondary learning experience.

“Pearson understands a child's brain especially during the exams, they know how a child would think.”

Student, Potterhouse School, Kenya

“Pearson have given us a curriculum with an allowance to customise it to suit the local setting.”

Margaret Mito Situmah, Head of Primary School, British School of Kampala, Uganda

Celebrating your child and their school

As the world's leading learning company, we understand what it takes to achieve educational excellence.

Our awards programmes recognise outstanding learners and teachers worldwide and we are delighted to host annual ceremonies around the world where the achievements of Pearson Edexcel learners and educators are celebrated.

Pearson International School Teacher Awards

Our Pearson International School Teacher Awards celebrate teaching excellence and acknowledge the fantastic work international educators do every day - across the globe in every classroom and every country - to inspire students and change young lives.



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Pearson International School Innovator of the Year 2025 Africa Finalist

Heba Al Sanhoury
St Fatima School, AlHegga



Outstanding Pearson Learner Awards

Our flagship student awards programme, the Outstanding Pearson Learner Awards (OPLAs), provide recognition to the top-performing learners worldwide. Awards are presented to learners who have taken Pearson Edexcel iPrimary, iLowerSecondary, International GCSE, GCSE, International A Level and A Level examinations and have achieved outstanding results.



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About Pearson Qualifications

Pearson's qualifications heritage stretches back over 100 years and our qualifications are offered in more than 115 countries worldwide.

Our international curricula meet the highest standards and our exams follow carefully controlled procedures at every stage of their development, delivery, marking and reporting.

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Supporting you and your child

As a parent supporting your child's learning journey, we can support you with our inspiring and proven international curriculum, qualifications and published student resources.

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