

Potential short-term

A changes to levels



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What's it all About?

The Government in England is planning to make some changes to A Levels. They want to give universities a bigger say in what A level courses cover and what the exams will look like. These changes could start in September 2014.

The Minister for Education here, John O'Dowd, believes that this will have a knock on effect here. For example, if our students apply to attend university in England will their A levels be acceptable?

Minister O'Dowd has set up a review of GCSEs and A levels but this process will take some time. In the meantime, we might have to think about some short-term changes to make sure that our A Levels match those across the water.

T what **YOU** think of these ideas. **We w**

If you would like to know about the changes in more detail you can access the full consultation document and response form here: www.deni.gov.uk

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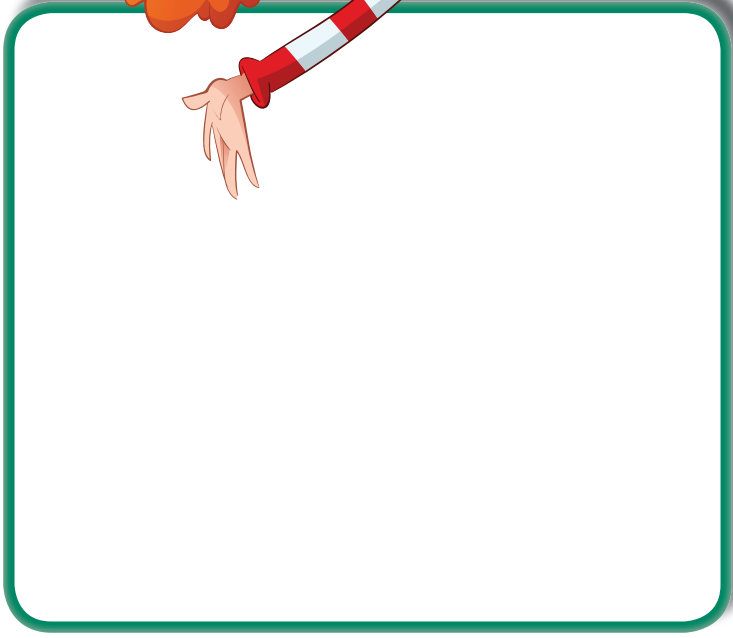
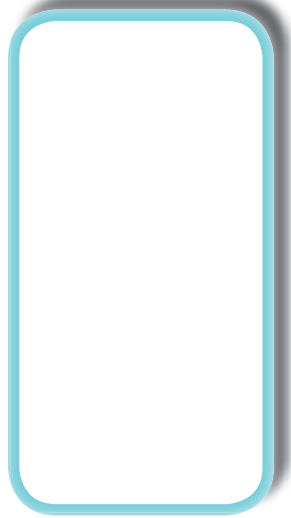
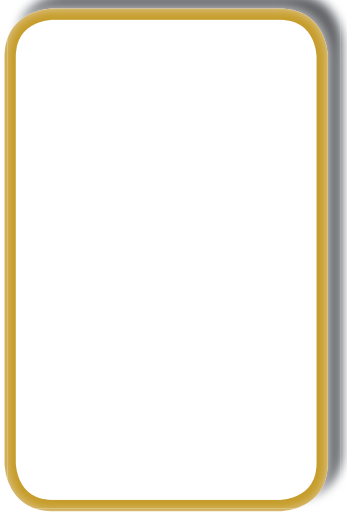
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If you belong to a group which is meeting to talk about these ideas, let us know if you would like someone from the Department of Education to join you to hear what you think.



Some suggested changes

A Levels should clearly set out and test the knowledge, skills and understanding students will need to go on to study at university.



So – what do YOU think?

At least 60% of marks should be through external assessment, i.e. there will be less assessment by teachers within schools.

Do A levels fully prepare you for university or employment? Why? Why not?

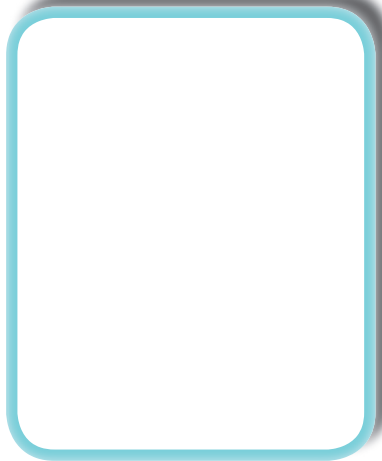
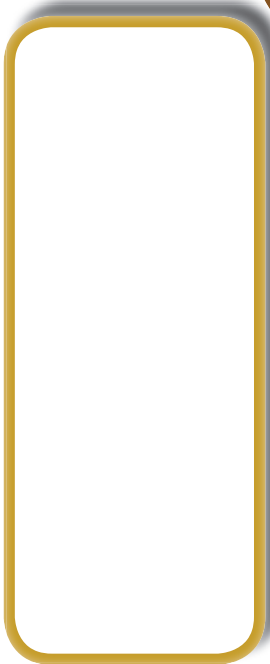
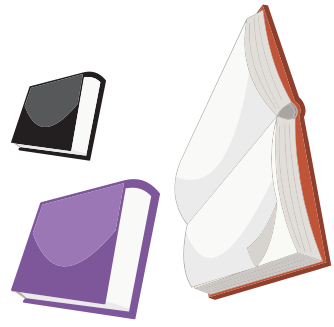
Should A levels only have exams at the end of two years study? Why? Why not?

Should there be exams every six months during the two years? Why? Why not?

Should students only get the chance to do one re-sit at the end of each year? Why? Why not?

How would YOU change A Levels?

Thank you for your help!



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