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**GCSE REFORMS IN ENGLAND**

The Government notes the announcement by the UK Secretary of State for Education on the replacement of the GCSEs with the English Baccalaureate with the new course starting in 2015.

The Department of Education is examining closely the proposal contained in this announcement and in the public consultation document on this subject which has been issued in England. All options will be considered including the adoption of the new qualifications as they become available, pursuing alternative qualifications like the International GCSEs or even continuing with the current GCSEs if they remain a viable alternative. The Gibraltar Teachers Association will be consulted during this process.

More information will be available on the details of the reforms and their potential impact on Gibraltar after the period of public consultation in England ends in December.