

Which Qualifications Provide the Best Preparation for University?

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Above, Seb Florer from Gresham's School, Norfolk achieved 39 points in the International Baccalaureate exam

A-Level or the IB – which of these qualifications provide students with the right skills for university? Mark Seldon from Gresham's investigates

The post-16 qualification landscape has changed dramatically in recent years, with more pathways and certifications on offer than ever before, and the biggest shake-up of the more traditional A-Level pathway seen in over a decade.

It is fantastic to see such a breadth of opportunities now available to young people, allowing them to choose to prepare for life and work in a way that suits them. But with almost 700,000 young people applying to university this year, which post-16 qualification do admissions officers really think provides students with the best preparation for university?

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