Preface

This booklet contains specifications and sample papers for the revised *Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)* examination, also known as *Certificate in Advanced English.* The revised version of the exam will be introduced for the first time in January 2015.

Further information on the examination will be issued in the form of:

- a comprehensive Cambridge English: Advanced Handbook for Teachers containing an additional set of sample papers
- an extensive programme of webinars, seminars and conference presentations.

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