

New GCSE Grading Structure



Reformed GCSEs will be introduced gradually over three years from September 2015. They will be graded from 9 to 1, instead of A* to G.

Students awarded GCSEs in 2017 and 2018 will therefore receive a mixture of 9 to 1 and A* to G grades.

Students will not lose out as a result of the changes. We will use a statistical method (known as comparable outcomes) so that:

- broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C and above;
- broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as currently achieve a grade A and above;
- the bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G;
- a grade 5 will be awarded to the top third of students gaining the equivalent of a grade C or bottom third of a grade B. The Department for Education has decided that grade 5 will be a 'good pass'.

In addition, the top 20 per cent of those who get a grade 7 or above in each exam will be awarded a grade 9.

**NEW GCSE
GRADING STRUCTURE****CURRENT GCSE
GRADING STRUCTURE**

9

A*

8

7

A

6

GOOD PASS (DfE)

B

5 and above = top of C and above

5

AWARDING

4

C

4 and above = bottom of C and above

3

D

2

E

1

F

G

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