

New GCSE Grading Structure

New grading structure – ‘Reformed’ GCSEs	Current grading structure – ‘Unreformed’ GCSEs	Notes
9	A**	Grade ‘9’ is a new ‘top’ grade that has been introduced to recognise exceptional performance – only the very top ‘A*’ students are expected to achieve it
8.5	A*	
8	A*-	
7.5	A+	
7	A	
6.5	A-	
6	B+	
5.5	B	
5	C+	Grade ‘5’ has been defined by the DfE as a ‘strong pass’ and is the minimum grade expected for progression to many Post-16 ‘higher level’ courses. It is LAO the grade that many employers will require in English and Maths.
4	C	Grade 4 is defined by the DfE as a ‘standard pass’. Students that fail to achieve this grade in English and/or Maths will be expected to retake these subjects at college.
3	D	
2	E	
1.5	F	
1	G	

Notes – Reformed GCSE grades

- 1) Only whole grades can be achieved in the new Reformed GCSEs, (i.e. a grade of 5.5 is NOT available)
- 2) Where there is no exact match for a grade in the new ‘Reformed’ GCSEs we have included a rough estimate of what it is worth using the lettered system (e.g. a grade 6 is approx. equivalent to a high grade B)