

CHANGES TO THE GRADING SYSTEM

The grading system for GCSE has changed. This applies to the majority of subjects but not all. Grades will now be given as a level grade rather than a letter grade. These are not the same as the number levels you have been used to at KS3. The diagram below gives some indication of how they correspond to the old GCSE letter grades to help you understand. It is important to note that GCSEs in general have been made tougher and hence the grade changes reflect this.

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

Grade 9 - Top A* performers

Grade 7 - Equivalent to a current A grade pass

Grade 5 - International benchmark. Pitched at two thirds of a grade above the current C Pass

Grade 4 - Equivalent to a current C grade pass

Grade 1 - Equivalent to current grade F and G passes. The bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G.