

GCSE Grading Structure

In 2017 the traditional GCSE A*-G grading structure was replaced by a new nine-point (9-1) grading system for English and Mathematics. This grading structure is now applied to all subjects studied by our current students. This change affected all secondary schools nationally from 2018.

GCSE grades explained:

- **Grade 9:** the highest grade to be achieved; about half of the 6.8 per cent of students who previously would have achieved A*s
- **Grade 8:** the rest of those students who previously would have achieved A* but did not qualify for a 9
- **Grade 7:** equivalent to an A grade
- **Grade 6:** equivalent to a top of a B grade
- **Grade 5:** international benchmark, showing performance equaling that of students getting top-grade passes in high performing countries in international league tables. Equivalent to the top of a C grade to a low B grade (**Strong Pass**)
- **Grade 4:** equivalent to the bottom of a C grade (**Standard Pass**)
- **Grade 3:** equivalent to a D grade
- **Grade 2:** equivalent to an E grade
- **Grade 1:** equivalent to grade F/G grade

BTEC Grading Structure

As a school we want to develop self-motivated and mature young people who enjoy learning. We offer a selection of BTEC courses as well as traditional GCSEs. BTECs are work related qualifications providing a more practical, real-world approach to learning alongside a key theoretical background. Students complete units of work which are internally assessed and verified. They also complete an external exam component. Students are graded with a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*. Each of our BTEC courses are equivalent to one GCSE.

The BTEC grades explained:

- D2*: equivalent to a GCSE grade 8.5
- D2: equivalent to a GCSE grade 7
- M2: equivalent to a GCSE grade 5.5
- P2: equivalent to a GCSE grade 4
- D1: equivalent to a GCSE grade 3
- M1: equivalent to a GCSE grade 2
- P1: equivalent to a GCSE grade 1.75