



GCSE grades 9-1 explained

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Introduction

- Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will no longer have their GCSEs graded A*-G;
- This also applies to Year 11 (2017) in all subjects, apart from Technology and Maths Stats;
- New GCSEs have replaced A*- G with grades 9-1;
- Grade 9 is the highest grade possible.

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- The following information should give you an indication of the grade distribution:
- **Grade 9** is higher than the current A*. It will only be awarded to the top 20% of students achieving a Grade 7 or above across the country
- **Grade 8** is the equivalent of the A*/A boundary
- **Grade 7** is the bottom of an A

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- **Grade 6** is the top 2/3s of a B
- **Grade 5** is the equivalent of the top 1/3 of a C and the bottom 1/3 of a B. The expectation is that the government will make this the new benchmark by which schools are assessed
- **Grade 4** is the equivalent of the bottom of an old C grade

Old GCSE	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	
New GCSE	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

