

# New GCSE Grading Structure

| New grading structure – ‘Reformed’ GCSEs | Current grading structure – ‘Unreformed’ GCSEs | Notes  |
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| <b>9</b>                                 | <b>A**</b>                                     | 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                                      | <b>A*</b>                                      |  |
| <b>8</b>                                 | <b>A*-</b>                                     |  |
| 7.5                                      | <b>A+</b>                                      |  |
| <b>7</b>                                 | <b>A</b>                                       |  |
| 6.5                                      | <b>A-</b>                                      |  |
| <b>6</b>                                 | <b>B+</b>                                      |  |
| 5.5                                      | <b>B</b>                                       |  |
| <b>5</b>                                 | <b>C+</b>                                      | Grade ‘5’ has been defined by the DfE as a ‘strong pass’. It is the minimum grade expected for progression to many Post-16 ‘higher level’ courses. It is also the grade that many employers will require in English and Maths. |
| <b>4</b>                                 | <b>C</b>                                       | Grade 4 is defined by the DfE as a ‘standard pass’. Students that do not achieve this grade (or a higher grade) in English and/or Maths will be required to retake these subjects at college.                                  |
| <b>3</b>                                 | <b>D</b>                                       |  |
| <b>2</b>                                 | <b>E</b>                                       |  |
| 1.5                                      | <b>F</b>                                       |  |
| <b>1</b>                                 | <b>G</b>                                       |  |

## 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)