

## Changes to GCSE grading from summer 2017 (Nationally)

From Summer 2017, some but not all GCSEs will be graded 9–1, rather than A\*–G. Where this is the case, Grade 9 is the highest grade, set above the current A\*.

These grades will be awarded for the first time as part of the 2017 exam results with a planned phased approach across subjects. English Language, English Literature and Mathematics are the first subjects to follow the new specifications and different grading system.

By 2019, all GCSE results will be using the new system.

### **Seven things you may need to know about the new GCSE grades:**

1. In the first year each new GCSE subject is introduced, broadly the same proportion of students will get a grade 4 or above as would have got a grade C or above in the old system.
2. GCSEs in England are being reformed and will be graded with a new scale from 9 to 1, with 9 being the highest grade.
3. New GCSE content will be more challenging.
4. Fewer grade 9s will be awarded than A\*s.
5. English language, English literature and Mathematics will be the first to be graded from 9 to 1 in 2017.
6. Another 20 subjects will have 9 to 1 grading in 2018, with most others following in 2019. During this transition, students will receive a mixture of letter and number grades.
7. The new grades are being brought in to signal that GCSEs have been reformed and to better differentiate between students of different abilities.

More information can be found on the OFQUAL website and at this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-gcse-9-to-1-grades-coming-soon>

# New GCSE Grading Structure

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NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9	A*
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

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

**AWARDING**  
4 and above = bottom of C and above