

Understanding Results



This document is
intended to help
you understand
your results.

GCSE MATHS:

There are 3 papers. The first paper is non-calculator, and the second and third papers are calculator. The marks for each paper will be added together and an overall grade will be issued based on performance across the 3 assessments.

The overall grades awarded will be graded 1 to 9 – where 9 is the best grade. See attached GCSE grading sheet.

If you do not get enough marks across the 3 papers to achieve a pass grade, you will be awarded a **U** which means 'Unclassified'.

GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE:

There are 2 papers. The marks for each paper will be added together and an overall grade will be issued based on performance across the 2 assessments.

The overall grades awarded will be graded 1 to 9 – where 9 is the best grade. See attached GCSE grading sheet.

If you do not get enough marks across the 2 papers to achieve a pass grade, you will be awarded a **U** which means 'Unclassified'.

GCSE SCIENCE:

There are 6 papers in total that are written. 2 papers for Biology, 2 papers for Chemistry and 2 papers for Physics. The overall grade will be given across all 6 papers on a 1-9 scale, where 9 is the best grade.

If you don't get enough marks in a unit to achieve a passing grade, you will be awarded a **U**, which means 'Unclassified'.

GSCE ART

The qualification will be graded on a nine-point scale: 1 to 9 – where 9 is the best grade.

Students who fail to reach the minimum standard for grade 1 will be recorded as U (unclassified) and will not receive a qualification certificate.

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ENGLISH / MATHS

Where a candidate's performance is sufficient, a **Pass** certificate is awarded. No grades are issued with respect to these qualifications.

- **Functional Skills:** **P** is Pass
 U is Unclassified
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FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ICT

Where a candidate's performance is sufficient, a **Pass** certificate is awarded.

- **P** is Pass
 - **F** is Fail
 - **FN** is fail, but nearly a pass
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BTEC LEVEL 1/2 PERFORMING ARTS AND BTEC LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATE IN SPORT AND ACTIVE LEISURE

Grades are awarded at 3 levels and unclassified:

P is Pass

M is Merit

D is Distinction

U is Unclassified

GCSE FOOD TECHNOLOGY:

The qualification will be graded on a nine-point scale: 1 to 9 – where 9 is the best grade.

Students who fail to reach the minimum standard for grade 1 will be recorded as U (unclassified) and will not receive a qualification certificate.

ELC SCIENCE:

Marks for the externally set tasks are combined to give a maximum mark of 150. The candidate's total mark out of 150 then gives the level they have achieved as shown in the table below:

Level	Minimum total marks required
Fail	Below 30
Entry Level 1	30/150
Entry Level 2	65/150
Entry Level 3	100/150

A pass at Entry Level 3 is the highest grade.

ENTRY LEVEL MATHS:

The qualification will be graded and awarded on a three-point scale: Entry 1, Entry 2 and Entry 3 where Entry 3 is the best grade.

Students who fail to reach the minimum standard for Entry 1 will be recorded as U (unclassified) and will not receive a qualification certificate.

ENTRY LEVEL ENGLISH (STEP UP TO ENGLISH):

The qualification will be graded and awarded at Entry 1 or Entry 2 for students entered for Silver Step and at Entry 3 for students entered for Gold Step.

Students who fail to reach the minimum standard for the step at which they are entered will be recorded as U (unclassified) and will not receive a qualification certificate.

Grading new GCSEs from 2017

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

GOOD PASS (DfE)

5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING

4 and above = bottom of C and above

Exams in reformed English language, maths GCSEs will be taken for the first time in 2017 – these will be graded from 9 to 1,

instead of A* to G.



Statistical predictions will be used in 2017 to ensure there is alignment between the new and current grading structures, such that:

- broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C and above
- broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as currently achieve a grade A and above
- broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 1 and above as currently achieve a grade G and above

All other grade boundaries will be set arithmetically, as now. For example, the boundaries at grades 5 and 6 will be set based on the difference in marks between grades 4 and 7; grade 5 will be set at one third of the difference in marks, and grade 6 at two thirds the difference in marks.

The government's definition of a 'good pass' will be set at grade 5 for reformed GCSEs. A grade 4 will continue to be a level 2 achievement. The Department for Education does not expect employers, colleges or universities to raise the bar to a grade 5 if a grade 4 would meet their requirements.

The new grading structure will be applied to other GCSE subjects in 2018 and 2019.

Science GCSEs are changing in England

- Students do at least 8 practical activities (16 for combined science) covering specific apparatus and techniques.
- Exam questions about practical work make up at least 15% of the total marks for the qualification.
- As with all reformed GCSEs, the content is more challenging than previous GCSEs graded A* to G.

Each single science will be worth one GCSE grade. Combined science will be an award worth 2 GCSEs.

- Students taking separate science GCSEs will get a grade from 9 to 1 for each subject, with 9 being the highest grade.
- Students studying combined science will receive an award worth two GCSEs, consisting of two equal or adjacent grades from 9 to 1 (9-9, 9-8, 8-8, 8-7, 7-7... to 1-1).
- If the numbers are different, the highest number will always be reported on the left.
- The new grades have been brought in to signal that GCSEs have been reformed and to better differentiate between students of different abilities.

