



New GCSE Grading Structure

‘Progression Pathway’ and ‘Target Setting’

Sept 2018

▶ Introduction

- ▶ GCSE qualifications are being reformed. The new subjects are being introduced gradually.
- ▶ Reformed GCSEs will have a new grading scale from 9 to 1.

When do GCSE subjects convert to the new 9–1 grading system?

Summer Examinations

- 2017: English, Maths.
- 2018: Sciences, Geography, History, RE, MFL, Drama, Computing, Food Prep and Nutrition, Photography, Art.
- 2019: Design Technology.

Nine things you should know about 9 to 1 GCSE grades

- 9 GCSEs in England are being reformed and will be graded with a new scale from 9 to 1, with 9 being the highest grade.
- 8 New GCSE content will be more challenging.
- 7 Fewer grade 9s will be awarded than A*s.
- 6 English language, English literature and maths were the first to be graded from 9 to 1 in 2017.
- 5 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.
- 4 The new grades are being brought in to signal that GCSEs have been reformed and to better differentiate between students of different abilities.
- 3 In the first year each new GCSE subject is introduced, broadly the same proportion of students will get grades 1, 4 and 7 and above as would have got grades G, C and A and above respectively in the old system.
- 2 Regulators in Wales and Northern Ireland are not introducing the new 9 to 1 grading scale as part of the changes to GCSEs in their jurisdictions.
- 1 You can see how the 9 to 1 grades compare with the A* to G scale in the infographic overleaf.



Grading new GCSEs

New grading structure	Former grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

Setting Targets

At West Derby School we set targets according to a pupil's achievement at KS2.

For pupils in years 10 and 11, the target is set according to the KS2 NC level achieved.

For pupils in year 7, 8 and 9 the target is set according to the KS2 scaled score achieved.

Tracking Progress

Pupils have their own 'flight path' to climb, year on year, to help stay on track to achieve their KS4 target.

A pupil has their own 'flight path' for new GCSE 9–1 subjects and vocational subjects such as BTECs.

Targets have been made available to pupils and parents so progress can be monitored.

Targets are movable and will be reviewed, therefore if a pupil is already on track to achieve his end of year target before the summer term, his target will be reassessed and he will be given an even more aspirational target. This is called our 'AAA Strategy'. (Aspire, Accelerate, Achieve.)

Y11 Flight Paths

Examined Summer 2019

Please refer to the flightpath according to whether the subject being taken is
 GCSE 9-1 / BTEC / OCR National

Target Setting - Flight Paths GCSE 2019 MMO (9-1)							Target Setting - Flight Paths BTECS 2019 - MMO (PE, MEDIA, TRAVEL)							Target Setting - Flight Paths CAM NAT 2019 MMO (B STU)						
KS2 Score	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	KS4 Target	KS2 Score	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	A8 Points	KS2 Score	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Att 8 Points
6B	7c	7a	6+	8-	9	9	6B	7c	7a	M	D	D*	L2D*	6B	7c	7a	L2M	L2D	L2D*	L2D*
6C	6a	7b	6-	7+	9-		6C	6a	7b	M	D	D*		6C	6a	7b	L2M	L2D	L2D*	
5A	6b	7c	5+	7-	8	8	5A	6b	7c	P+	D-	D*		5A	6b	7c	L2P	L2M	L2D*	
5B	6c	6a	5	6	7+	7	5B	6c	6a	P+	D-	D*	5B	6c	6a	L2P	L2M	L2D*		
5C	5a	6b	5-	6-	7		5C	5a	6b	P+	M	D	L2D	5C	5a	6b	L2P	L2M	L2D	L2D
4A	5b	6c	4+	5+	6+	6	4A	5b	6c	P-	P	D		4A	5b	6c	L1D	L2P	L2D	
4B	5c	5a	4	5	6		4B	5c	5a	P-	P	M	L2M	4B	5c	5a	L1D	L2P	L2M	L2M
4C	4a	5b	3+	4+	5	5	4C	4a	5b	P-	P	M		4C	4a	5b	L1D	L2P	L2M	
3A	4b	5c	3-	4-	4+	4	3A	4b	5c	L1P-	L1P+	P	L2P	3A	4b	5c	L1M	L1D	L2P	L2P
3B	4c	4a	3-	3+	4		3B	4c	4a	L1P-	L1P+	P		3B	4c	4a	L1M	L1D	L2P	
3C	3a	4b	2+	3	4-		3C	3a	4b	L1P-	L1P+	P		3C	3a	4b	L1M	L1D	L2P	
2A	3b	4c	2	3-	3+	3	2A	3b	4c	L1P-	L1P	P		2A	3b	4c	L1P	L1M	L2P	
2B	3c	3a	2-	2+	3		2B	3c	3a	L1P-	L1P	P		2B	3c	3a	L1P	L1M	L2P	
2C	2a	3b	1+	2	3-		2C	2a	3b	L1P-	L1P	P		2C	2a	3b	L1P	L1M	L2P	
1	2c	2a	1	1+	2	2	1	2c	2a	L1P-	L1P	P	1	2c	2a	L1P-	L1P	L1D		
W	2c	2b	1-	1	1+	1	W	2c	2b	L1P-	L1P	P	W	2c	2b	L1P-	L1P	L1D		
N	5c	5a	4	5	6	6	N	5c	5a	P-	P	D	L2D	N	5c	5a	L1D	L2P	L2D	L2D

Y10 Flight Paths

Examined Summer 2020

Please refer to the flightpath according to whether the subject being taken is
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Target Setting - Flight Paths GCSE 2020 RW (9-1)							Target Setting - Flight Paths BTECS 2020 RW (PE, MEDIA)							Target Setting - Flight Paths CAM NAT 2020 RW (B STU)						
KS2 Score	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	KS4 Target	KS2 Score	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Att 8 Points	KS2 Score	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Att 8 Points
6B	7c	5	6+	8-	9	9	6B	7c	5	M	D	D*	L2D*	6B	7c	5	L2M	L2D	L2D*	L2D*
6C	6a	4+	6-	7+	9-		6C	6a	5	M	D	D*		5A	6b	4+	L2M	L2D	L2D*	
5A	6b	4	5+	7-	8	8	5A	6b	4+	P+	D-	D*		5B	6c	4	L2P	L2D-	L2D*	
5B	6c	4	5	6	7+	7	5B	6c	4	P+	D-	D*		5C	5a	4	L2P	L2M	L2D	
5C	5a	4-	5-	6-	7		5C	5a	4	P+	M	D	L2D	4A	5b	4-	L2P	L2M	L2D	L2D
4A	5b	3+	4+	5+	6+	6	4A	5b	4-	P-	M	D	L2M	4B	5c	3+	L1D	L2P	L2D	L2D
4B	5c	3	4	5	6		4B	5c	3+	P-	P	M	L2M	4C	4a	3	L1D	L2P	L2M	L2M
4C	4a	3-	3+	4+	5	5	4C	4a	3	P-	P	M	L2P	3A	4b	3-	L1D	L2P	L2M	L2M
3A	4b	2	3-	4-	4+	4	3A	4b	3-	L1P-	L1P+	P	L2P	3B	4c	2	L1M	L1D	L2P	L2P
3B	4c	2	3-	3+	4		3B	4c	2	L1P-	L1P+	P		3C	3a	2	L1M	L1D	L2P	
3C	3a	2-	2+	3	4-		3C	3a	2	L1P-	L1P+	P		2A	3b	2-	L1M	L1D	L2P	
2A	3b	1+	2	3-	3+	3	2A	3b	2-	L1P-	L1P	P		2B	3c	1+	L1P	L1M	L2P	
2B	3c	1+	2-	2+	3		2B	3c	1+	L1P-	L1P	P		2C	2a	1+	L1P	L1M	L2P	
2C	2a	1	1+	2	3-		2C	2a	1+	L1P-	L1P	P		1	2c	1	L1P	L1M	L2P	
1	2c	1-	1	1+	2	2	1	2c	1	L1P-	L1P	P	W	2c	1-	L1P-	L1P	L1D		
W	2c	WT1	1-	1	1+	1	W	2c	1-	L1P-	L1P	P	N	1A	WT1	L1P-	L1P	L1D		
N	5c	3	4	5-	6	6	N	5c	WT1	P-	M	D	L2D	N	5c	3+	L1D	L2P	L2D	L2D

Y9 Flight Paths

Examined Summer 2021

Please refer to the flightpath according to whether the subject being taken is
 GCSE 9-1 / BTEC / OCR National

Target Setting - Flight Paths GCSE 2021 HH (9-1)							Target Setting - Flight Paths BTECS 2021 HH (PE DRAMA MEDIA TRAVEL)							Target Setting - Flight Paths CAM NAT 2021 HH (BUSINESS ICT)						
KS2	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	KS4 T	KS2	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	KS4 T	KS2	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	KS4 T
118-120	4	5	6+	8-	9	9	118-120	4	5	L2M	L2D	L2D*	L2D*	118-120	4	5	L2M	L2D	L2D*	L2D*
116-117	4-	5-	6-	7-	8	8	116-117	4-	5-	L2M	L2D	L2D*	L2D*	116-117	4-	5-	L2M	L2D	L2D*	L2D*
114-115	3+	4+	5+	7-	8	8	114-115	3+	4+	L2M	L2D	L2D*	L2D*	114-115	3+	4+	L2M	L2D	L2D*	L2D*
112-113	3+	4+	5+	6+	8-	8	112-113	3+	4+	L2M	L2D	L2D*	L2D*	112-113	3+	4+	L2M	L2D	L2D*	L2D*
110-111	3	4	5	6	7	7	110-111	3	4	L2M	L2D	L2D*	L2D*	110-111	3	4	L2M	L2D	L2D*	L2D*
107-109	3-	4-	5-	6	7	7	107-109	3-	4-	L2P	L2M	L2D	L2D	107-109	3-	4-	L2P	L2M	L2D	L2D
106	3-	4-	4+	5	6+	6	106	3-	4-	L2P	L2M	L2D	L2D	106	3-	4-	L2P	L2M	L2D	L2D
103-105	3-	3+	4	5	6	6	103-105	3-	3+	L1P	L2P	L2M	L2M	103-105	3-	3+	L1D	L2P	L2M	L2M
100-102	2+	3	4-	4+	5	5	100-102	2+	3	L1P	L2P	L2M	L2M	100-102	2+	3	L1D	L2P	L2M	L2M
98-99	2-	3-	3+	4	5	5	98-99	2-	3-	L1P	L2P	L2M	L2M	98-99	2-	3-	L1M	L2P	L2M	L2M
97	2-	2+	3	4-	4+	4	97	2-	2+	WTP+	L1P	L2P	L2P	97	2-	2+	L1M	L1D	L2P	L2P
91-96	1+	2	3-	3+	4	4	91-96	1+	2	WTP+	L1P	L2P	L2P	91-96	1+	2	L1P	L1D	L2P	L2P
85-90	1	1+	2	3-	3+	3	85-90	1	1+	WTP	L1P	L2P	L2P	85-90	1	1+	L1P	L1D	L2P	L2P
82-84	1	1+	2	3-	3+	3	82-84	1	1+	WTP	L1P	L2P	L2P	82-84	1	1+	L1P	L1D	L2P	L2P
80-81	WT1-	WT1+	1-	1+	2	2	80-81	WT1-	WT1+	WTP	L1P	L2P	L2P	80-81	WT1-	WT1+	L1P	L1D	L2P	L2P
Below 80	WT1	1-	1+	2-	2+	2	Below 80	WT1	1-	WTP	L1P	L2P	L2P	Below 80	WT1	1-	L1P	L1D	L2P	L2P
N	2+	3	4	5	6	6	N	2+	3	L2P	L2M	L2D	L2D	N	2+	3	L2P	L2M	L2D	L2D

Y8 Flight Paths

Examined Summer 2022

Target Setting - Flight Paths GCSE						
2022 NZ (9-1)						
KS2	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	KS4 T
118-120	4	5	6+	8-	9	9
116-117	4-	5-	6-	7-	8	8
114-115	3+	4+	5+	7-	8	8
112-113	3+	4+	5+	6+	8-	8
110-111	3	4	5	6	7	7
108-109	3-	4-	5-	6-	7	7
107	3-	4-	5-	6-	7-	7
106	3-	4-	4+	5	6+	6
103-105	3-	3+	4	5	6	6
100-102	2+	3	4-	4+	5	5
98-99	2-	2+	3	4	5-	5
97	2-	2+	3	4-	4+	4
91-96	1+	2	3-	3+	4	4
85-90	1	1+	2	3-	3+	3
82-84	1	1+	2	3-	3	3
80-81	WT1	1-	1+	2-	2+	2
Below 80	WT1	1-	1+	2-	2+	2
N	2+	3	4	5	6	6

Y7 Flight Paths

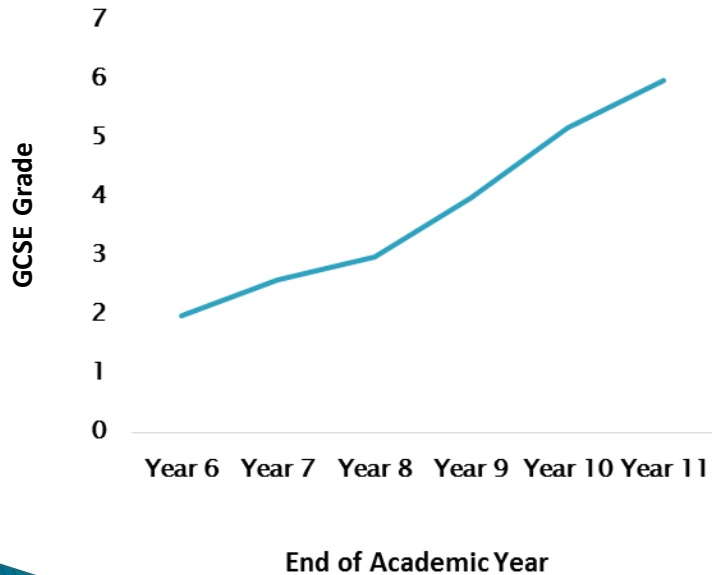
Examined Summer 2023

Target Setting - Flight Paths GCSE						
2023 JST (9-1)						
KS2	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	KS4 T
118-120	4	5	6+	8-	9	9
116-117	4-	5-	6-	7-	8	8
114-115	3+	4+	5+	7-	8	8
112-113	3+	4+	5+	6+	8-	8
110-111	3	4	5	6	7	7
108-109	3-	4-	5-	6-	7	7
107	3-	4-	5-	6-	7-	7
103-106	2+	3	4	5	6	6
100-102	2+	3	4-	4+	5	5
97-99	2-	2+	3	4-	4+	5
91-96	1+	2	3-	3+	4	4
90	1-	1+	2	3-	3+	3
85-89	WT1+	1	2-	2+	3	3
82-84	WT1	1-	2-	2+	3	3
80-81	WT1-	WT1+	1-	1+	2	2
Below 80	WT1-	WT1	1-	1+	2-	2
N	2	3	4	5	6	6

Example of a pupil's progression path.

Year 10 and 11

NC Level 4b achieved at KS2



Year 7, 8 and 9

Scaled Score 100 achieved at KS2

